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FOREWORD

As Grand Editor of the Helicon in 1938 I presented our book to you with pride — "pride in the splendid work done by our organization, both locally by the individual chapters, and nationally by the combined efforts of our various units."

Again in 1944 I present our book with that same sense of gratification. Our work was good in the peaceful times of 1938 but I believe that it has been even better in these war days of 1944 which test whether we are "mice or men." One has only to read the reports from our various chapters to see how we have laid aside our pleasant and happy peace time pursuits and have taken up the grinding and tedious tasks necessary to bring about the defeat of our enemies and to insure peace to those who will follow us.

Our former editor, Ruth Hancock, has set a hard example for my return to Council, but her help and inspiration, and the kind cooperation of other members of Council, as well as the ready response of chapter corresponding secretaries, have made the preparation of this book a labor of love, albeit one with some headaches involved. For this help which you have given to me so freely, and for your many kind words of encouragement, I thank you very sincerely.

— LEAH FLINT.

To Victory!

GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with a little feeling of sadness that I realize my short year is almost ended. This has been one of the busiest and happiest years of my life.

Only a few months ago when you bestowed upon me the highest honor of our sorority, I promised to perform my duties to the best of my ability. This has been my thought throughout the year and I have been ever mindful of the responsibilities and duties of my position, and can say truthfully that I have tried earnestly to serve you, and I trust that some good has been accomplished.

Conditions have been so uncertain during the past year that no one could foresee what the next day might bring to any of us, but for an organization in time of war to hold what it has gained, even through these uncertainties, is a remarkable tribute to its membership and a declaration of faith and esteem.

Many reports have come to me of the war work of Psi Otes. Many letters have been received from soldiers who used the Psi Ote tickets to hear the Indianapolis Symphony. I wish to thank Miss Elsie Sweeney for her generosity and to thank all chapters who purchased tickets to be used by soldiers.

This year, as in past years, Psi Ote has sponsored art in their buying of three paintings by Hoosier artists. It was my privilege to visit the Hoosier Salon during the showing of the pictures. I feel that Psi Iota Xi was well represented by the jury composed of Mesdames Carlton Shuck, Francis Sebastian, W. P. Stanley and Garland Retherford in their selection of "Indian Craft" by Roy B. Troubaugh, "Winter" by Lawrence Trissel and "The Edge of Town" by Clifton Wheeler.

It was my privilege also to visit Camp Atterbury several times during the year. It certainly gave one a satisfied feeling to see and know the pleasure derived from our furniture by those hospitalized boys.

The Speech and Hearing Clinic held during the summer was again a successful venture for our organization; so, with stout determination in our hearts let us be active in building up and carrying to greater and higher purposes the spirit of helpfulness, one to the other, as illustrated in the great fundamentals which have been the foundation of our sorority.

I am grateful for the splendid coöperation of all chapters. Those of you who have not filled this office do not realize how large an item the correspondence of the president is. I have tried to answer all letters promptly and all questions to the best of my knowledge.

To all Council members I am truly grateful for your unselfish devotion and your many acts of kindness.

To the members of my own chapter, Beta Tau, I give sincere thanks for your willingness to serve me when called upon during my years on Council.

To my successor I can wish no greater good than the same coöperation, kindness and loyalty given me.

And now, my last official greeting to you, "Au Revoir" and best wishes to you all.

Loyally,
ISABELLE REICHART.

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NORTHERN PROVINCE

Kappa, Kokomo	1908
Rho, Angola	1916
Pi, Fort Wayne	1919
Phi, Huntington	1920
Chi, Brookston	1921
Alpha Delta, Decatur	1922
Alpha Eta, Bluffton	1923
Alpha Mu, Hartford City	1925
Alpha Nu, Markle	1925
Alpha Xi, Logansport	1925
Alpha Rho, Garrett	1926
Beta Alpha, Flora	1928
Beta Gamma, Peru	1929
Beta Delta, Van Wert, Ohio	1929
Beta Epsilon, Mentone	1929
Delta Gamma, Fort Wayne	1930
Beta Nu, East Chicago	1934
Beta Xi, Crown Point	1934
Beta Rho, Goshen	1935
Beta Psi, Delphi	1939
Delta Zeta, Lafayette	1940
Gamma Beta, Remington	1941
Delta Eta, Detroit, Mich.	1941

CENTRAL PROVINCE

Alpha, Muncie	1897
Delta, Indianapolis	1904
Theta, New Castle	1908
Upsilon, Greenfield	1920
Omega, Lebanon	1921
Alpha Zeta, Thorntown	1923
Alpha Iota, Richmond	1924
Alpha Lambda, Zionsville	1924
Alpha Phi, Fortville	1928
Alpha Chi, Hagerstown	1928
Delta Beta, Indianapolis	1929
Beta Zeta, Summitville	1930
Beta Eta, Centerville	1930
Beta Theta, Eaton	1931
Beta Iota, Farmland	1932
Beta Pi, Cambridge City	1935
Beta Tau, Frankfort	1936
Beta Upsilon, Mt. Vernon, Ohio	1937
Delta Epsilon, Muncie	1937
Beta Chi, Waynetown	1939
Gamma Alpha, Portland	1940
Gamma Delta, Attica	1941

SOUTHERN PROVINCE

Epsilon, Columbus	1904
Zeta, Bloomington	1906
Iota, Rushville	1908
Sigma, Greensburg	1917
Alpha Beta, Seymour	1922
Alpha Epsilon, Jeffersonville	1923
Alpha Theta, Charlestown	1923
Alpha Kappa, Franklin	1924
Alpha Omicron, Vincennes	1926
Alpha Pi, Scottsburg	1926
Alpha Sigma, Princeton	1926
Alpha Tau, Petersburg	1927
Alpha Upsilon, West Baden	1927
Alpha Psi, Washington	1928
Alpha Omega, North Vernon	1928
Beta Beta, Sullivan	1928
Beta Kappa, Bloomfield	1933
Beta Lambda, Bedford	1933
Beta Mu, Brownstown	1933
Beta Omega, New Albany	1934
Beta Sigma, Austin	1935
Beta Phi, Shelbyville	1938

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CHARITY COMMITTEE REPORT

CHARITY COMMITTEE

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Mrs. L. H. Weileman	415 E. Cherry St., Bluffton, Ind.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, in depositories June 10, 1943			
Muncie Federal Savings & Loan Association	$1,120.52		
The Centerville State Bank	3,970.75	$5,091.27	
INVESTMENTS			
U. S. Government Bonds (Series G)	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Cash Received from June 10, 1943, to January 29, 1944			
Charity Fees from Chapters	3,200.00		
Hoosier Salon Fees from Chapters	315.00		
Dividend from Muncie Federal Savings & Loan	14.00		
Interest on U. S. Government Bonds	100.00		
Return of Scholarship Loan from Rebecca J. Hiatt	50.00		
Fines from Chapters	2.00	3,681.00	$13,772.27
Total Receipts			$13,772.27

DISBURSEMENTS

CHARITY			
Speech and Hearing Clinic	$2,000.00		
Furniture for Camp Atterbury	2,304.00		
Speech and Hearing Committee Expense	31.52		
Charity Chairman Bond	7.50	$4,343.02	
HOOSIER SALON			
Paintings	$ 300.00		
Hoosier Salon Committee Expense	5.75	$ 305.75	
SYMPHONY			
Indianapolis Symphony Endowment Fund	$ 500.00		
Symphony Chairman Expense	1.56	$ 501.56	$ 5,150.33
Total Disbursements			$ 5,150.33
BALANCE ON HAND			$ 8,621.94
Cash in Checking Account January 29, 1944, Centerville State Bank			$3,621.94
Investments January 29, 1944, U. S. Government Bonds, Series G			5,000.00
Balance on Hand			$8,621.94

ERPHA MATHEWS,
Psi Iota Xi Charity Chairman.

OUR SPEECH AND HEARING CLINIC

With the coöperation of Dr. Robert Milisen of the Speech Pathology department of Indiana University, we are able to present the following résumé of our speech and hearing project at the university. This article was published in the February issue of "The Speech and Hearing Therapist" and we are grateful indeed to Dr. Milisen for his kind permission for us to use the article.

This article is followed by a typical case report. These reports are prepared by the clinicians and are sent to the parents, teachers and Psi Ote sponsors of the children treated.

PSI IOTA XI PROJECT AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY

The Psi Iota Xi sorority, having chapters in the states of Indiana and Ohio, has been a most ardent sponsor of speech and hearing therapy. As a result of an endowment of $13,000 by the organization to Indiana University, a traveling speech and hearing clinic project was developed and conducted in the states of Indiana and Ohio for a period of three years, beginning in 1938. Specialists were hired to do the traveling clinic work, and the unit was located in sixty-nine centers in the two states. During this time 4,948 children who had speech defects were examined, diagnoses made, and both oral and printed instructions given to the parents and teachers relative to the methods which should be followed in bringing about improvement in these children. Successive research indicated improvement in 68% of the children examined. In addition to the examination of defective speaking children, group and individual hearing examinations were given to 106,000 public school children. The results of these examinations were given to the school administrators and recommendations were made regarding their educational needs. Approximately 4,597 of those who received hearing examinations were found to have defective hearing. Parents and school administrators were urged to obtain medical assistance for these children.

During their June, 1943, annual convention the Psi Otes made plans to continue their support of a clinical program. This project was designed to follow the traveling clinic work with special assistance for children who had defective speech or hearing who were unable, in their local environment, to receive the kind of training which they needed. A sum of $4,000 was appropriated to be used during two summer clinic periods. These clinics were to be held at Bloomington, Indiana, and were to last for eight weeks. During this time each handicapped child was to receive therapy at the Speech and Hearing Clinic according to his needs. All children admitted to the clinic had to have a basic speech or hearing problem, but they also received special therapy in remedial reading, mental hygiene, subject tutoring, music, corrective exercises and other related fields. Furthermore, the entertainment of the children was furnished by the clinic in the form of swimming, hikes, picnics, motion pictures, circuses and supervised play.

Twenty-two of the forty-two children enrolled in the clinic received either part or all of their board, room and tuition from the Psi Iota Xi fund. The persons treated ranged in age from 4½ to 24 years, and they presented a variety of disabilities. The largest group was found to have deficiencies in articulation. Then, in sequence, came the hard of hearing and the stutterers. Many of these basic problems were complicated by reading disabilities, voice disabilities and personality handicaps. Two of the children had spastic paralysis.

The Psi Otes are to be congratulated for their wisdom in beginning a project and continuing to follow it into its matured state. The traveling clinic was designed to acquaint parents and teachers with the problems which their children showed and to demonstrate forms of therapy which would lead to their improvement and, in some instances, the correction of the disorder presented. This program could be called an "extensive" one. The summer clinic program which followed was an "intensive" one in which a small number of children were examined, diagnosed, and given well-balanced therapy for a period of two months.

Many ways could be used in measuring the success or failure of the project. The clinicians believe that happiness is the best thermometer of success because in a clinical situation which requires continuous performance by the child of activities which were previously unpleasant to him, he must recognize his improvement in addition to receiving satisfactory and pleasurable social stimulation before he can be happy. In all but one instance these children showed happiness as well as gratitude in the clinical environment.

REPORT — BOB DOE, DOEVILLE

Summer Clinic, August 19, 1943.

Diagnosis:

Bob came to the clinic with a very complete case history of his progress through the years which summarizes Bob's case much as we see it. We feel too that his history of illness, deafness, and poor language development has resulted in Bob's creating a world for only himself, where he rules and where every activity by which he is affected is done FOR him. In his own words: "My father is fighting a war to protect myself. My mother keeps house for me."

He presents not only language difficulties, but speech sound substitutions, and — more than that — behavior problems of a social adjustment nature. There is no reason whatever why Bob's speech cannot become as normal as anyone's. His most peculiar and monotonous voice quality perhaps was started as an attention-getting device, but can be overcome. The sound substitutions can be completely eliminated with more practice.

Language development is another story which will take longer periods of time but in which he seems able to make definite progress.

His social adjustment is his greatest problem, and the one which we exerted a great deal of effort on and feel we have definite suggestions to present, to bring about the psychological weaning which Dr. Mateer and others have believed necessary.

Therapy:

Bob presented so many different problems that a very flexible program was set up, whereby he worked with most of the clinicians — a program which we felt would help him the most. Every morning for an hour he had language development, in which written and oral language were developed. A complete pronunciation key was worked out, which he seemed to understand and use very well. He showed interest in this activity, and his sentences showed a definite improvement. Occasionally he was given a lip reading class, not because we felt that he needed lip reading because of a hearing loss, but because he has the habit of never looking at people when they talk, but staring into space thinking his own thoughts; and in order to participate in a lip reading activity, attention is absolutely necessary. The fact that games in which Bob was interested were played in the lip reading class made him have to watch the speaker in order to succeed in the games.

Every day he was asked to make a speech before the stutterers group, where the children were taught self-criticism, as well as given practice in speaking before a group. Bob was sent out on real situations, such as making purchases at stores and the post office, finding out about bus and train connections, etc., for the various people, in an effort to (1) make him willing to do things for other people, (2) make him feel more adequate in carrying out these activities, and (3) lengthen his memory span by increasing the number of things to do. At first those situations were supervised, in that he was sent out with older stutterers who helped him look at people when he talked and to listen to what they had to say. Only purposeful situations were assigned, to impress Bob with the foolishness of some of his attention-getting devices.

Three goals were set up which we felt he should be able to reach in his speech and oral language: (1) to lower his voice and use more inflection, (2) to eliminate so much repetition, and (3) to look at people when he spoke. Definite progress was made in these directions, but unless the family and his teachers continue to insist upon better inflection and voice quality, and turn a deaf ear to unnecessary repetitions, all that was gained this summer will be lost.

Every effort was made to help Bob in his social adjustment. As a rule we never say anything to a pupil who has tics such as Bob has, but in his case we felt it was the thing to do. We tried it in our oral language periods, saying that they were absolutely unnecessary and that they disturbed everybody and that I had noticed that when he sat and listened and was interested they did not occur, but only when he was gazing off into space. I don't believe I have seen over one of these former reactions in my class in the last two weeks. However, he still had them in the groups, such as in the school bus on the picnics, etc.; and at the last picnic it was carefully explained to him that other people did not like to hear him make noises. And to help him remember when he did it, they (the other children) would all make the noise when he did. He did not like this, and put his fingers in his ears and was ready to cry. Dr. Milisen took him aside, very carefully explained to him that boys and girls did not like the noise and he did not like to be laughed at, so the thing for him to do would be to stop making the noises and the boys and girls wouldn't made them either. There are in every class fewer and fewer of these old tics and grunts. An effort will be made to speak about this matter before Bob and his mother when she comes to the clinic, so that she will be able to show some negative reaction to it in the home, too, in an effort to eliminate it.

We have tried to show Bob what things people expect of good friends (he IS apparently anxious to have friends), and to teach him that it is a 50-50 proposition and not all one way. Sometimes we would think that Charles had not learned anything by a certain situation, but found that perhaps in a day or two, or even a week later, when we would be having a conference he would bring that matter up and want to know if he was doing better. This, to me, is significant as far as the prognosis is concerned, because it does show that he does react to suggestions.

Recommendations:

Our recommendations are entirely in regard to his social behavior, as we feel that the school situation as outlined by the speech education department in Indianapolis is adequate in making a fine contribution to him. We believe you will note improvement in his language ability and his speech; and he now can say every sound, but will need added drill to make all the sounds a part of his permanent speech. It might be well for someone — a teacher or his family — to take five minutes a day, at which time Bob would read out loud to them. Then he should criticize his own speech; the family makes any added suggestions they can; have him re-read it to see if he can remember to correct the errors of the first reading.

I am wondering if Bob would be at all interested in learning to play some instrument, so that he could become a member of the school band or orchestra, as this would bring him into a group; and I believe, with his fine dexterity, he should be able to learn to perform adequately on an instrument of his own choice.

All emphasis should and must be placed on Bob's becoming a member of society. No excuses should be made for him when he doesn't remember people's names when they come to the home. Let him be embarrassed, and maybe he will try harder when they come next time.

It is easy to see how the family would make excuses for him, but now that he is old enough to appreciate the fact that that is being done, it must be eliminated or he never will be adjusted. I will suggest the following ways to bring about this adjustment: (1) Never listen when he uses silly sentence structure or baby talk, as there is no reason why his sisters, for example, should want to go swimming with him when he asks them to go in two-year-old fashion. (2) Encourage the development of friends, particularly boys in the neighborhood. Would it be possible for him to join a group of Scouts? Undoubtedly he would need a very understanding Scoutmaster, who perhaps should explain to the group that Bob has had difficulty getting along with people but wants to make the adjustment and that they can help him not by babying him, but by accepting him. Bob, also, should understand that Scouting will be lots of fun as long as he does his share. The fact that he likes to hike, is interested in nature, can ride a bike very well, and is a good swimmer are big things that will help him be a successful Scout. If he comes home from a Scout meeting feeling that something is wrong or that he did not have a happy time, discuss the situation with him and find out exactly why — "Did he coöperate? Did he let some little thing make him unhappy? etc."

In one of the letters, you mentioned the fact that you hoped that you could capitalize some way in the vocational world some day on his great interest in mechanical devices (fixing his bike, changing the speedometer, etc.). Undoubtedly you can, and at present it seems that perhaps his education should be directed toward some specialized training in this line. However, while I know you are anxious to encourage his interest in these activities, do not let him carry it to such extremes that it makes him peculiar, such as his becoming so interested in the thermometer that he wore it around his neck to see what his temperature was. Instead, encourage him and allow time in his daily schedule for developing these skills, but do not let them be the subject of every bit of conversation. Let him know that there is a time and place for everything.

Again in closing, let us emphasize the fact that Bob must be given a definite responsibility and place in the family circle — one in which he can make his contribution, get some feeling of success from this contribution, and yet not feel that in any way it is all to his credit. In other words, he must know that some things are just expected of everyone, and no one makes any fuss over it. When outstanding things are done, of course, his success should be celebrated but not overdone.

Of course, we will always have to recognize the fact that there is a definite retardation in language ability which may never be completely overcome; but if he can make his social adjustment, there should be no reason why he cannot find his place in the vocational and social world — and with fair success.

If at any time questions arise in which we at the clinic may be of help, it is hoped that Bob's parents and teachers will feel free to write to us about them.

Very sincerely,

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Clinician in Charge.

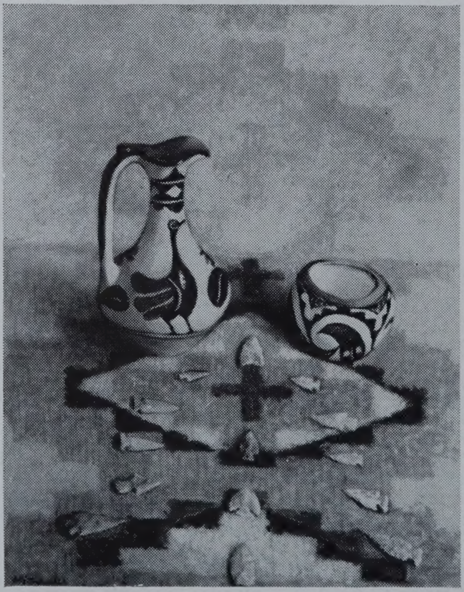
SALON NOTES

The 20th annual preview dinner of the Hoosier Salon held January 15 at Block's was attended by four hundred and thirty-seven persons. These figures proved how the interest in Indiana art has increased. The pictures this year were very beautiful and unusual. The enthusiasm of the public, patrons and artists who visited the Salon shows how successful the exhibition was.

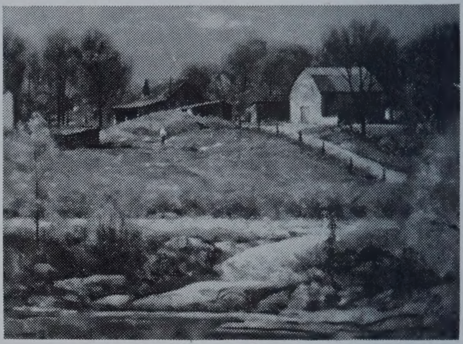
I thought that the thrill of a lifetime comes only once, but when I was asked to serve on the lay jury again this year my gratitude was beyond expression. Three well-known artists, Carl Gaertner, Willoughby, Ohio, Alexander Winsey, M. S., Greencastle, Indiana, and Adolph Wolter, Indianapolis, Indiana, comprised the professional jury. Mrs. Elmer Sherwood of Tri Kappa gave me moral support.

Two days were taken for the selection of the three hundred fifty pictures to be shown in the exhibit. We viewed over 600 paintings and the lay jury received much valuable information about good art.

Our three province chairmen, Cora Stanley, Marie Sabastian, and Carrie Schuck chose our purchased pictures which were Ray Trobaugh's "Indian Craft," Lawrence Trissel's "Winter" and Clifton Wheeler's "The Edge of Town." Much to their surprise and delight, the girls learned that they had purchased two prize pictures.



INDIAN CRAFT — Roy B. Trobaugh



THE EDGE OF TOWN — Clifton Wheeler

Psi Iota Xi deserves a great deal of credit for its support of the Hoosier Salon and my one hope is that this enthusiasm continues always.

Margaret Retherford,
Secy. Hoosier Salon.

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Beta Psi, Delphi, Mrs. Robert Dunkin.

Delta Beta, Indianapolis, Miss Dorthea Ellen Kirk.

Epsilon, Columbus, Mrs. Ray Wucher.

Gamma Beta, Remington, Mrs. Robert Waples.

Omega, Lebanon, Mrs. Russel Richardson.

Rho, Angola, Miss Louise Helme.

Theta, New Castle, Mrs. Martin S. Lane.

SYMPHONY TUNES

Psi Iota Xi has maintained its full support to the Indianapolis Symphony for the concert season 1943-44.

Although it was not possible for members to attend the concerts, the purchase of tickets was very good. These tickets have been used for service men and women. Miss Elsie Sweeney's generous gift, combined with our chapters' tickets, make Psi Iota Xi the largest organization contributor to the symphony. Many letters received from recipients of these tickets have proved how grateful the men and women in uniform are for this opportunity. Buying tickets for these people is as patriotic as your Red Cross war work and the attendance has proved that good music is a great morale builder. The tribute accorded us for this work should make us feel very proud.

When your new Symphony Chairman is appointed, give her the same splendid coöperation and support that you have shown in the past.

Margaret Retherford,
Symphony Chairman.

The following letters, kindly loaned to the editor by Miss Elsie Sweeney, speak for themselves. The pleasure experienced by these boys can be equaled only by our happiness in having had the privilege of providing this pleasure to some of our Service men.

Co. A. Br. 2 Recp. Center
Fort Harrison, Indiana
November 21, 1943

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
Murat Theater
Indianapolis, Indiana

Gentlemen:

Last evening I attended a concert of your organization. I enjoyed it immensely. I greatly appreciate the part that men in uniform are admitted free. It is a great boost to our morale. We who love good music enjoy it the more when it helps us to face our problems in army life.

If at all possible, please pass this little word of appreciation on to those organizations who have made free tickets to men in uniform possible. I may not get to attend another concert at the Murat but there will always be another music loving soldier on hand.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Pvt. Don Van Tiere.

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711 N. Penn. Street
Indpls. 4, Ind.
January 16, 1944

Miss Elsie I. Sweeney,
Columbus, Indiana

Dear Miss Sweeney:

Your name and the name of your sorority was on the back of the concert tickets we received a week ago, today. Grabill and I enjoyed it immensely and we want to thank you for your generosity in providing them for us.

The orchestra was very good and the guest artists were also very unusual. All in all it was a grand show. I'm sorry you were unable to be present so that you might have enjoyed it as I did.

In closing I want to again express my appreciation and to wish you and your organization continued success.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Robert J. Sottong.

U. S. Naval Training School
Noroton Heights, Connecticut

Miss Elsie I. Sweeney

I have just completed five months training at the Naval Armory Radio School in Indianapolis and am now stationed in a compool school in Connecticut.

While stationed in Indianapolis, I frequently attended concerts at the Murat and had the opportunity of using your ticket on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 21. I enjoyed the concert very much and even though it is a little late to be thanking you, I would like you to know that your thoughtfulness is highly appreciated.

Please Answer

(Signed) Richard Dorner.

Bluffton Psi Otes celebrated their 20th anniversary with a lovely party. Their first president, Mrs. Harold Caylor, is at the right and the present president, Mrs. Franklin Buckner, is at the left.

WAR ACTIVITIES

By Thelma Phillips

No complete picture of the kind and amount of war work done by the members of Psi Iota Xi can be given in any report, but a few verbal snapshots from the twenty-one chapters which sent in detailed accounts will indicate the variety of projects and the constant hour-by-hour, every day, every week service which loyal members are contributing in all of the chapters.

In the northern province Delta Gamma made a survey of 257 grocery stores in Fort Wayne. As a result, 6,000 pounds of additional fats were salvaged each month for several months. Occupied countries of Europe received clothes, the Red Cross Thrift Shop sold 15 aprons made and donated by Delta Gamma and the Service Men's Center received 24 dozen cookies each month from Psi Ote kitchens. One member serves as president of the Y. W. C. A., which has purchased a $20,000 house as a residence for girls working in war plants. Delta Gamma contributed $100 to this residence fund. Helping to staff the Teen Canteen, taking 62 gifts to the convalescent room at Baer Field Hospital and leading in bond drives, salvage work and all war activities keep this chapter busy indeed.

Rho has continued the supervision and a large share of the Red Cross surgical dressing work at Angola while actively engaging in soliciting funds in all of the drives. Since last June, Rho has spent

Anna Claire Koons is one of New Castle's members doing outstanding Red Cross work. She is shown in the picture above in her Nurse Aide uniform with little Carol Sue (better known as Sugar Bowl), one of the most popular patients at the Henry County Hospital where Anna Claire is doing her share toward winning the war by devoting all her spare time to caring for the sick and injured, having put in a total of 756 hours since March 1, 1943. She is a member of the New Castle Volunteer Motor Corps, for which she had to master motor mechanics, first aid, and advanced first aid. She is available for driving the Henry County Hospital car, their station wagon and the Red Cross car. Anna Claire completed a 20-hour home nursing course last summer and in October joined the first Volunteer Red Cross Nurse Aide Corps.

approximately 2,000 hours in Red Cross and related war work.

Beta Alpha's financial accomplishments include the investment of $218.50 in War Bonds, the raffling of an $18.50 bond, and other donations amounting to $59 from Flora. They have sponsored two blood banks.

The 549 hours spent in war work by Beta Delta of Van Wert, Ohio, represent time spent in civilian defense, in Red Cross work and in serving as nurses' aides.

Two student pilots of Beta Epsilon report a total of 450 hours in Civil Air patrol, while other members at Mentone have given 11 pints of blood and devoted 50 hours to knitting.

The gift of a 4-door Dodge sedan from Theta chapter of central province is in constant use by the Red Cross in New Castle, where more than 1,000 hours each month are given to Red Cross and other war work. Five members serve with the motor corps division, 9 as nurses' aides and 21 shoulder large Red Cross responsibilities as instructors, chairmen and assistants.

Omega reports that at Lebanon, Psi Otes have totaled 1041 hours of war service.

Playing cards, games, books and magazines — enough to fill a huge box — sent to Camp Atterbury from Alpha Lambda. Zionsville Psi Otes also supplied the materials and operated the pop corn machine at one of the Indianapolis USO centers last December.

By presenting a 10-cent War Stamp or by paying a 25-cent fine, Alpha Phi members are entitled to attend the social meetings; thereafter, the Fortville chapter buys War Bonds. One member has completed 250 hours of training in St. John's Hospital at Anderson.

Alpha Chi's outstanding work is the collection of bingo prizes, which are brought to each meeting. This means that 30 gifts are sent to Camp Atterbury from Hagerstown every two weeks. Speaking of the sun room they furnished there, they express the hope that the soldiers have as much pleasure out of the use of the new rug, davenport, three chairs, end table and two lamps, as they had in buying them.

Delta Gamma members of Ft. Wayne heeding the salvage slogan "First," for F-ats, I-ron and scrap, R-ubber, S-tockings, and T-in. Left to right: Mrs. James S. Peddicord, Mrs. M. V. Krebs, Mrs. Paul W. Seitz.

PACKING THEM IN!
Portland Psi Otes cleared $205 in four days at this booth operated at the county fair.

A $50 donation from Beta Iota at Farmland toward the purchase of a piano for Fort Benjamin Harrison, $25 to the Winchester Canteen for service men at railroad stations, and $25 to the United War Fund drive, as well as the raising of $351.70 for this fund, make up the financial report from Farmland.

Frankfort's Beta Tau presented a grand piano to Camp Atterbury, gave $50 to war funds, six pints of blood to the blood bank, besides spending 220 hours at surgical dressings and many, many more sewing and knitting.

Beta Upsilon reports 1,619 hours of war work done by the Psi Otes of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, during the past year. Their service men number eleven.

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From the southern province comes Epsilon's letter from Mid Wucher:

"Let's talk about "Bundles" first — no doubt you've heard many times about Columbus' Bundles Headquarters. Our Elsie Sweeney runs it; in fact, she spends from 8 to 14 hours a day running it. The rest of us are in and out every day or so for a few hours each time, doing a little of this or a lot of that The 1943 Helicon has an article telling about just what all goes on, so I won't go into detail. I will tell you that every girl in our group can find something to do at any time at Bundles. If she doesn't sew — O. K. — she can measure out tea for tea bags, or make tea bags, or cut the bad places out of used woolen materials, or strip petals from roses for sachets, or pack boxes of

1st Lt. Pat Griffith, Office of Director WAC, Washington, D. C. Pride of Scottsburg.

knitted garments for shipment, or measure dried parsley into little bottles for herb baskets. Those herb baskets are lovely by the way; all kinds of famous herbs are dried, cleaned and crushed and finally bottled and arranged in attractive baskets to be sold. If a girl does sew, she is seated at a sewing machine and given her choice of work — she may be interested in making curtains for Camp Atterbury Air Base, or she might like to whip up a few dozen emergency kits for Camp Atterbury Hospital, or Elsie may want her to make another pair of pajamas, or a pair of shorts, or a blouse, or any one of many articles that are constantly being made for unfortunates, here in our own country or abroad. See what I mean — there is always something to do at the shop and every hour spent there is, believe me, WELL spent.

"Now let's run down to the surgical dressings room in the Red Cross headquarters. That is a busy place. We have several girls signed up — they go every week — on a certain day and fold and press and pack, just like all Psi Otes every place go to their surgical dressings rooms and do the very same thing.

"Let's see, today is Thursday, so it's off to the Singer Sewing Machine Store for me — it is Psi Ote day and there is lots of sewing to be done. The Red Cross wanted those 200 service kits finished by the first of the week and all those home nursing uniforms we finished last week have to be pressed and taken to headquarters to be delivered. And those sheets we promised to hem for the hospital! Let's hope at least 12 girls show up today or we'll never get done!

"I wonder how the girls are getting along down at the Ration Board this afternoon. My record shows there should be five of them on hand; six went yesterday and six more are due there tomorrow. I know they will be there because they know it is time to get that next bunch of "C" gasoline books out and the board will be expecting them. Every one seems to appreciate our work SO much.

"Just a minute — the telephone — one of the "knitting" gals just reported — there are ten of them meeting over at Mary's this afternoon and they have finished another afghan. They are starting on more sea boots now, then comes sweaters, beanies, socks, helmets — I'll bet their tongues are going as fast as their needles.

"I really believe the girls in the Motor Corps have the most interesting job of all. Of course the training they had wasn't so easy — imagine knowing how to fiddle with the insides of an automobile — but now the training is over and they are as busy as bees. Jess took eleven army wives to Camp Atterbury today to the hospital there; All the girls were in different stages of pregnancy so they all piled in the Psi Ote ambulance and away they went to see their Army doctor. Glennie had a close call last week. She was called up in the middle of the night to rush a private's little wife to the hospital. The stork almost beat her there!

"Those Gray Ladies really put in the hours! They work from 9 till 5 now in the Camp Atterbury Hospital. One of them told me the other day that she had finally taught "Tommy" (he has a back injury) how to write his name. I guess I didn't look very impressed so she went on to tell me that "Tommy" could neither read nor write when she first went to see him. But now after she reads his letters to him and writes one for him to "Mom," he signs it himself. Just between you and me, I never thought anything could get that girl to wear those low heeled shoes and put in so many hours on her feet, but how she loves it! And

Mrs. James S. Peddicord and Mrs. James R. Edwards on the left, Delta Gammas, assisting the Ft. Wayne Salvage Committee in sorting old clothes for the occupied countries of Europe.

she has the nicest look on her face after she has spent a day with those sick boys — I just wish I could see the boys' faces — I'll bet they look brighter, too.

"Would you like to hear about the USO? Some of our girls practically live there. They do book work, arrange weddings, find a room for Private Smith's mother who just came in for a surprise visit from Alabama to see "Joe," they sew Corporal Jones' buttons back on, tell the little blonde hostess that her slip is showing, find the April 6th copy of "Life" for the homesick boy because it had a picture of his home town in it, and, of course, make gallons of coffee and slice pounds of meat and cheese for the evening snack.

"We have several girls who teach Home Nursing, First Aid, etc. They not only teach it — they go out and practice it as well.

"I must mention the many hours that are given to Girl Scout work here. We, in Columbus, consider the work with young people a very definite war work activity. "Today" is important and "Tomorrow" will be just as important, so we do all we can for our youngsters and other people's youngsters, too. We want "Tomorrow's" citizens to be the best ever.

"Peculiar report, isn't it? I think it tells you what we are doing though. Our war activities chairman has figured that Psi Ote girls in Columbus have given 5,175 hours for war work from June till January 1. That isn't bad, is it?

"Sorry I couldn't get this to you sooner. May I say that if we had been asked to give a report from January to January, it would have been at least tripled, because the summer months aren't nearly as busy as the winter months and December is a busy time for everyone. I have neglected to mention many things that our girls do — because you know what all Psi Otes are doing in every Psi Ote town. I tried to pick out some of the activities that every town doesn't do because they aren't called upon to do them. With our Camp Atterbury, Camp Atterbury Air Base and various other war "Stations" we probably have more and varied jobs than some towns.

COMMITTEE FOR JUNIOR RED CROSS
ALPHA XI, LOGANSPORT

Left to right: Seated — Frances Kreutzberger, Virginia Barnes, chairman, Virginia O'Connor, Katherine Erb; Standing — Clara Easter, publicity director, Marie Sebastian, Thelma Sines, Lucille Drompp.

Lieut. (j.g.) Betty Baur, Recruiting Officer of SPARS, Hotel Coronado, St. Louis, Missouri. Eaton chapter claims her.

"Many of us had, and have, much to do with making each War Bond Drive a success. We take turns with other sororities selling stamps and bonds in banks and in booths on the streets. No, we didn't count our hours doing that kind of work — it wouldn't be possible. We really believe that the most simple way to figure time spent for the war effort would be simply to multiply 365 by 24 — every hour of every day — because every good Psi Ote does spend every minute of her time being a loyal American and doing every thing she knows how to do to finish this war as quickly and economically as possible. We save gas, fuel, grease and paper and we spend pennies, nickels, dimes and dollars for War Bonds."

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Rushville's Ruth Edmundson, who is in the Marine Corps, is, perhaps, the contribution in which Iota chapter takes most pride; nevertheless five other girls hold important offices in connection with war activities.

Crowded hospital conditions at Vincennes call for more constant use of Alpha Omicron's maternity packs, which are used by doctors in the patients' homes. The last 60 of these were made

Pfc. Ruth Edmundson
AES-41, A &. R Prod. Control
U.S.M.C. — Air Station
Aircraft Engineering
Cherry Point, North Carolina

Ruth was promoted to a private first class in the Marine Corps in November and has been recommended for officer's training. She enjoys her work immensely and from all outward appearances has made a grand soldier. Iota of Rushville is very happy to be able to claim her.

and assembled from 1,200 yards of material furnished by the Red Cross. The chapter pays all laundry bills on these supplies. In two War Bond drives sixteen members sold $4450 in bonds in six hours. A $25 donation to the Red Cross, individual Christmas gifts for 15 soldiers and WACs at George Field, management of the USO for one week, 2,000 hours spent at surgical dressings since last June, the investment of $125 in bonds by the chapter, and members serving as chairmen of war committees make up a part of the picture of Alpha Omicron in war time. Ellen Ross Emison and Elise Stevens launched one of the landing boats made at Evansville, Indiana.

Beta Kappa's 20 members report 206 hours spent in war work, five pints of blood given and chances sold on a $50 War Bond instead of their popular chair raffle usually held at Bloomfield.

"Steady rather than startling" say Beta Lambda members about their war work, which includes the purchase of $600 worth of bonds, their sale of stamps at each meeting and their preparation of surgical dressings and kit bags for the Army and Navy made by all of the members at Bedford.

Beta Mu reports constant work at the Red Cross center in Brownstown, where two Psi Otes act as monitors. The chapter donated $30 to the War Fund drive.

Under the supervision of Beta Phi, Shelbyville members spent 325 hours at the blood bank last year, 300 hours making surgical dressings and 175 hours serving on ration boards. One member spent 32 hours serving on the draft board. Additional time was spent assisting in the canning factories, checking grocery stores for the OPA, bond, scrap and war fund drives. In the latest drive the Shelbyville chapter gave $150. Mary Towns is this chapter's WAVE.

Since these are excerpts from fewer than one-third of the chapters, it is easy to see that if this is a sample of what Psi Iota Xi is doing — and we believe it is — that it represents less than one-third of the total war effort being done by our organization.

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Here, with apologies to Thelma Phillips, the editor will continue with the verbal snapshots of war work taken from reports which came to her desk and which had not been sent to Thelma.

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Brookston is proud of Mary Kent Halstead, an honorary member, who is township chairman of Red Cross; of Dorothy Wallace Zimmerman, a former chapter president, who has had ten months' foreign service as a Red Cross nurse; and of the 1,634 hours devoted to war activities by the members.

The girls in Cambridge City have a member who is township chairman for War Bond sales and they all support her strongly in her work.

Their neighbor, Centerville, sent Christmas gifts to every man and woman from their township who is in the service and has helped in all drives and in Red Cross activities.

Charlestown members are "all out" in the war effort and are especially proud of the sun room which they furnished at Nickles General Hospital, Fort Knox, Ky.

The chapter at Crown Point has credit for over 1,800 hours in surgical dressing work alone and has purchased $2,100 worth of War Bonds.

Beta Nu of East Chicago continues its work in every phase of the war effort.

Orchids to Pi of Fort Wayne! When one of their members sold bonds in her

Turning in precious fats to a Ft. Wayne grocery store. Left to right: Mrs. Francis B. Thomas, Mrs. W. R. McCarty, Mrs. Arthur W. Rose of Delta Gamma Chapter.

shop, an orchid was given for every $100 bond purchased. They sold about $50,000 worth.

Franklin has three Gray Ladies and gives time, money and effort to all of the usual war endeavors.

Salvage collection has been the particular pet of Beta Rho at Goshen and a successful project it proved to be. They like to knit and roll bandages, too, with some selling of bonds and stamps on the side.

We agree with Greenfield that it is difficult to compute the number of hours spent — they counted to over 1,000 and gave up as the number would only grow and grow, but they certainly had a finger in every pie.

As Camp Atterbury is so near Greensburg, the girls of Sigma have rather concentrated on help for the camp's recreational facilities but they have not shirked other duties.

Logansport reports $1,140 spent, 2,599 hours of work, and members serving in strategic jobs.

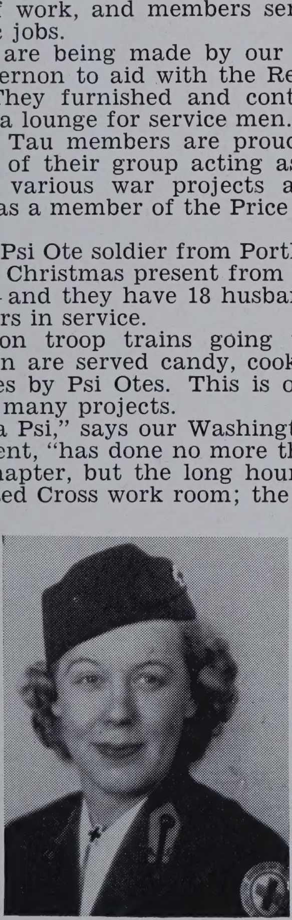
Plans are being made by our girls in North Vernon to aid with the Red Cross drive. They furnished and continue to sponsor a lounge for service men.

Alpha Tau members are proud to report six of their group acting as chairmen of various war projects and one serving as a member of the Price Control Board.

Every Psi Ote soldier from Portland received a Christmas present from Gamma Alpha — and they have 18 husbands and 8 brothers in service.

Boys on troop trains going through Princeton are served candy, cookies and cigarettes by Psi Otes. This is only one of their many projects.

"Alpha Psi," says our Washington correspondent, "has done no more than any other chapter, but the long hours spent at the Red Cross work room; the trips to the blood donor bank, gifts to ten George Field WACs at Christmas, personal contributions and family pledges; even the Red Cross badge awarded our president for ten years' volunteer service, and the knitting and sewing for Red Cross, will surely give one little boost in this drive of patriotism!"



Clara E. Balcom of Remington, now an American Red Cross hospital worker in Finney General Hospital, Thomasville, Georgia.

Virginia Cline and Catherine Langdon of Austin reconditioning furniture donated to Camp Atterbury. 110 in the shade!

In Waynetown the girls are 100% cooperative in all war work and 100% in bond investment. There are ten blood donors in the group, most of them being repeaters.

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QUICKIES

Psi Otes from Delta Gamma in Ft. Wayne have opened rooms in their homes for the use of service men and their wives.

Kathryn Gordon, our grand keeper of the exchequer, is a recruiting officer for the WACs and a block leader in Angola.

Estelle Cline of Angola is Red Cross nutrition chairman for Steuben County.

In Van Wert, Jane Gray devotes two nights a week to giving Red Cross swimming lessons to boys who are about to enter the service. Valeria Thomas is a nurses' aide and Virginia Zotz is in training at Miami Beach as a SPAR.

East Chicago reports that Marie Reppa is a nurse on duty in Hawaii; Ruth Jane Squarey is a WAVE on personnel duty in New York city.

Two girls from Pi of Ft. Wayne are on duty in England with the American Red Cross. They are Virginia Griffith and Mary R. Smith. Their Marine is Miss Ellen Kattell.

Miss Mary Margaret Justice of Logansport is a WAVE, stationed now at Pensacola, Florida.

Beta Tau is especially proud of Pfc. Marjory A. Smith, USNCWR. She is in Officers' Candidate School at Camp Lejeune, New River, North Carolina.

All nurse aide classes in Henry County are conducted by our own Dorothy Septer of Theta. She has trained one of the

Miss Esther Ball of Brownstown, now a WAC at Fort Sill.

largest groups in the state and her girls include eight other Psi Otes.

Psi Ote members of the New Castle Motor Corps include Florence Smith, Mary Louise Wiemeyer, Mary Ritter, Mary Clift and Olive Mills.

Other Theta members who have Red Cross executive jobs are Emily Teetor, Louise Stanley, Madeline Jennings, Marian Morris, Halcyon Stout, Jessie Durrell, Adah Mendenhall, Edith Amos, Marie Howe, Jeanette Kiddey, Gladys Hewitt, Katherine Balph, Betty Stout, and Kay Smith. Edith Morris is chairman of all volunteer workers. Louise Edwards is a major of the United War and Community Fund Drive, as are Adah Mendenhall and Katherine Balph, with Louise Stanley as chairman of Women's Division.

Storekeeper Marjorie Harrison, a Sigma girl in service, was one of the WAVEs chosen recently to assist in the launching of the S. S. Fort Bridger in Mobile, Alamaba. She is stationed at the U. S. Naval Advance Base Depot at Gulfport, Mississippi. The girls were picked to share in the honors of the occasion of the launching because of outstanding service in their particular field.

Sigma has two other girls in service — Ensign Ruth Ann Boicourt, who became a Navy nurse in July, 1943, and is now stationed at Seattle, Washington; and Lt. Mary Frances McLaughlin, serving overseas. After graduating in dietetics at Purdue University, Mary Frances served an internship at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C. She volunteered for foreign service and was sent overseas in the summer of 1942. The cable telling of her safe arrival was received by her parents on June 8. She is now stationed at the 42nd General Hospital in Australia and has three dieticians and two nurses working under her supervision.

This letter was furnished to the editor through the kindness of Helen Johnson of Washington. Millie needs no introduction to Psi Otes, having been our Grand President at one time. Her address — and we know she will be happy to hear from old friends — is:

Lt. M. B. Sebring
L116000, Quarters 7
Ft. Des Moines, Iowa

Ft. Des Moines, Iowa
6 February 1944.

Dear Helen and Psi Otes:

Thank you for your nice letter — it is so good hearing from home. It is good, also, to know that Psi Otes remember me in my small effort to bring this terrible war nearer to a sucessful end. I often feel very insignificant away out here fighting the "battle of Ft. Des Moines" — but someone must do the routine and less spectacular jobs and I seem to be slated for just that.

I have done all sorts of jobs here on the post beginning as a basic company officer teaching new recruits how to be female soldiers. Later I worked as a company officer in the Cooks and Bakers Company which proved to be a most interesting job. It operated more as a field company and our duty was looking after our women's welfare and happiness. Most interesting, however, have been my staff jobs. I served five months as adjutant of the third training battalion. My duties were administrative and liaison between the companies and higher echelons. Just recently I have been made adjutant of the receiving and staging battalion. This battalion operates independently and has charge of all incoming and outgoing troops, so I never lack for something to do.

As extra duty I have been going over the state entertaining with a group of other WACs on the bond drive. On one particularly interesting and profitable trip last week we sold a quarter of a mil-

"Millie"

lion dollars worth of bonds in one town. Great Lakes sent a small band to assist us and that was one time that the army and the navy got along famously. The navy group was led by a survivor of the Lexington and his talk made us all so hopping mad we wanted to WADE over to fight the Japs.

WAC is doing a fine job. Every day the demand for them grows and our only headache is getting women of the right calibre to realize the need enough to come into the corps. Already they are doing 155 vital army jobs and if you have read Col. Hobby's article in Time I'm sure you will realize how well they're doing and how badly they are needed.

I have met many interesting women here — some who are trying to replace loved ones who have been lost in battle, some who lived abroad and fled here after the invasion — some who have held high salaried positions in civilian life and many who were just "idle rich." All of us are here with one common purpose — to do what we can — and it's the most satisfying thing I've ever experienced.

Here I've rattled on and on and probably bored you all to death, but I never know when to stop when I talk about WAC. Give my love to all the girls — I'm sorry I don't have time to write a letter good enough to go in the Helicon but you may extend my greetings to all for me and here's a picture if you care to use it.

Lots of love,
MILLIE.

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PSI IOTA XI RECENT JAPANESE PRISONER

Among the Gripsholm passengers was Miss Marie Adams, an honorary member of Alpha Phi Chapter. Miss Adams, a missionary of the Methodist Church, has spent the last twenty-eight years in China. While her first years were spent as principal of a Bible school for women in Shantung, her last nineteen years have

MISS MARIE ADAMS

been lived in Peiping, where she taught Religious Education in the Mary Porter Gamewell High School for girls. Besides teaching, Miss Adams has been engaged in extensive literary work. She has written not only many magazine articles, one of which was entitled "Snapshots of China," published anonymously in Harpers, May, 1939, but also many books — her last work being a set of six books, a Sunday School course, for senior high school students for all China.

Miss Adams, born in Fortville and initiated into Psi Iota Xi at the 1929 convention in Greenfield, was graduated from Fortville High School and DePauw University, where she was Y. W. C. A. president. She has done graduate work in religious education in Boston University and Chicago University.

Before her return home, she was interned for six months in the Japanese concentration camp at Wei Hsien. Now that she is home, she will be engaged in further study in Columbia University and in writing and lecturing on her experiences as well as her missionary activities.

Alpha Phi welcomed Marie at the November pledge party and was happy to present her a corsage at the initiation dinner in January.

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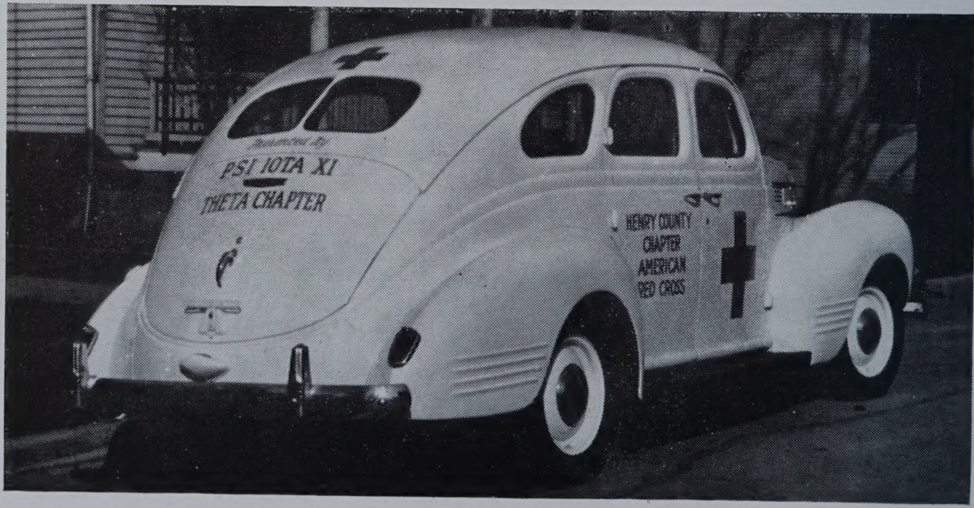
Dodge 4-door Sedan Presented to Henry County American Red Cross by Theta Chapter of New Castle.

Ensign Ethel L. Willey, a Psi Ote from Bloomfield, is a member of the Navy Nurse Corps, at the present time stationed at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Long Beach, California. She is a graduate of the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Indianapolis, Indiana, and attended Indiana University prior to joining the Navy Nurse Corps. Miss Willey did private duty nursing and was later employed at the R. C. A. in Indianapolis as an industrial nurse.

Ensign Willey finds Navy nursing very interesting as well as exciting, for from day to day one awaits orders to duty in stations, either in the continental United States or overseas.

She writes, "P. S. — Girls, join the Navy and see the world through a port-hole — so they say; but seriously, the Service is wonderful and I am really enjoying my work immensely. Some day I hope to be able to tell you all about my wonderful experiences. Here's hoping that day isn't too far away."

Ensign Ethel L. Willey.



BETA TAU'S LITTLE THEATRE

Beta Tau Chapter, of Frankfort, Indiana, strives to be a resourceful group. This year it was necessary to make enough to pay for a grand piano, because the girls wanted to present this needed asset to Camp Atterbury. Isabelle Reichart had an ambition for Beta Tau to enter the Little Theatre field and this seemed to be the logical time as the new president, Martha Finney, is a teacher of dramatics.

A committee of four read various plays and decided on the current comedy hit, "Adam's Evening," by Katherine Kavanaugh. This play had been made famous by Edward Everett Horton, of movie fame, and the group thought Frankfort drama lovers would enjoy the clever farce.

The women from the cast were selected from the sorority group, and the men were chosen from talented husbands and the community Little Theatre group. After weeks of hard work, "Adam's Evening" was presented on December 10th, at Central Auditorium, at 8 p. m., with the following cast: Martha Wainwright, Susan Watkins, James McGill, Isabelle Reichart, Earl Murphy, Joe Reichart, Burdett Boggs, Jean Huffer, Ray Rhodes and Irene McCoy.

The members of the large and responsive audience proved by their laughter and after-show comments that the "play was the thing" and that "Adam's Evening" was a huge success. Play patrons urged Beta Tau to make this a yearly event.

The grand piano was paid for and the curtain was drawn on another community triumph for Psi Iota Xi.

Mrs. Joseph Reichart, chairman of music committee, Miss Martha Finney, president of Beta Tau Chapter, and Mrs. Everett Holst, chapter treasurer.

Above Left: Petersburg is proud of Mary Davidson Palmer, a Navy wife, who has returned to her home chapter where she is serving as a Nurses' Aide. She is a three-time blood donor, a Red Cross First Aid and Swimming instructor and is a qualified Red Cross staff assistant.

Center: Mary Margaret Justice, Sg. (T) 2/c U.S.N.R. (W), Waves Barracks Bldg. 1413, NAAS Whiting Field, Milton, Florida. Logansport member.

Right: Ensign Margaret Ann Eastman (N.C.) U.S.N.R., United States Naval Hospital, Farragut, Idaho. Jeffersonville Psi Ote.

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NORTHERN PROVINCE

RHO CHAPTER

Angola, Indiana

President	Louise Helme
Vice President	Esther Bassett
Secretary	Katie Tucker
Cor. Secy.	Mary Beatty
Treasurer	Brunnell Mellby

New Members: Phyllis Folck, Marylin Payne, Norma Jean Preston, Wava Brown, Lu Rose Alwood, Julia Crain, Phyllis Creel.

Pledges: Hester R. Gilbert, Virginia Priest.

Marriages: Virginia Hendry to John I. Jenkins; Jane Griffith to Harold Milton Hagen; Aileen Casebeer to Lt. Melvin B. Wild; Margaret Yoder to Douglass L. Keys, Jr.; Kathryn Kratz to Ben Gordon; Julis Jane Jackson to Lt. John Schmidt; Ruth Ann Collette to Kenneth C. Miller; Calista Creel to Lt. Charles Brendt.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Ross A. Smith, daughter, Gloria Rose, April 9; Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Cavanaugh, daughter, Patricia Ann, Aug. 16; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Aldrich, daughter, Kari Jo, July 29; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Somerlott, a daughter, Sigrid Diane, Feb. 2; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Douglass, a son, Thomas Richard, March 28.

Hello Psi Otes,

Here is a report on the activities of Rho Chapter in Angola.

Several of our meetings during last February and March were held at the Red Cross surgical dressing room, where we combined "bandages" and business.

Rho Chapter helped in canvassing Angola for the Bond Drive held in April. And we purchased another $100.00 War Bond in May.

In June we had a 3-day rummage sale which helped our treasury by $70.68, also a bake sale, $74.58.

Mardi Gras was held in July, with loads of fun and plenty of work. We made $219.20.

The last of August we celebrated by formal initiation for six pledges.

A new project, our kindergarten, was begun in September. It has been very successful thus far and we hold great hopes for it in the future. This month also gave us a grand book review, "Command Performance," by Mrs. Thomas Owens.

During October a Psi Ote tea was held for all women's organizations in our county to introduce Mrs. Helen England. Later in the month, one of our members, Esther Bassett, reviewed parts of "Friendship Village" for us.

In November we pledged two more girls to Psi Ote. An inactive member, Florence Bratton, reviewed "Dr. Wassell." We gave donations to the USO, Hoosier Salon, and bought two Health Bonds.

December witnessed Christmas baskets, pot luck supper and gift exchange, for actives and inactives. Prof. Alice Parrott of Tri State College gave us the Christmas Story at the social meeting.

In January Charles Edwin Shank of Tri State College delighted us with the report on his trip to New York city during the Christmas holidays.

We are looking forward to formal initiation which will be February 7th, for our two pledges.

More news of Rho Chapter could be written if it weren't for the "war" imposing the paper shortage and Leah Flint's "approximately 350 words."

ALPHA ETA CHAPTER

Bluffton, Indiana

President	Mrs. Franklin Buckner
Vice President	Mrs. H. Brooks Smith
Secretary	Miss Maenette Johnson
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Norma Lamson
Treasurer	Mrs. Ray Renollet

New Members: Joanne McBride, Betty Lou Neusbaum, Ann Schlotzhauer, Mary Birdella Powell, Joyce Mounsey, Frances Riedlinger, Patricia Caylor, Mrs. Lucile Ware, Mrs. LeRoy Hedges, Mrs. Joseph Huffman, Mrs. Bud Rector, Pauline Miller.

Engagements: Winifred Myers to Ph. M. 1/C Charles R. Weterick; Mary Tonner to Ensign James Murray.

Marriages: Claudine Mounsey to Jess Cripe; Mary Neusbaum to Arthur Freeland.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Dan Speicher, a daughter, Phyllis Marie; to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert J. Smethurst, a son, Gilbert

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1. Evelyn Waples, Remington.
2. Mrs. A. W. Sirlin, East Chicago.
3. Louise Helme, Angola.
4. Naomi Butler, Flora.
5. Ruby Masquelette, Kokomo.
6. Betty Sue Kleefisch, Hartford City.
7. Hazel Castell, Lafayette.
8. Edna Kerlin, Delphi.
9. Marguerite Drake, Van Wert.

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James II; to Mr. and Mrs. William Majers, a daughter, Jane Frances; to Corp. and Mrs. Robert Liby, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kelly, a son, John Steven; to Lt. and Mrs. John R. Thieme, a son, John Ware; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Case, a daughter, Marilyn Jean; to Mr. and Mrs. William Garrett, a daughter, Sally Ann; to Mr. and Mrs. John Muggs, a daughter, Becky Jo; to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ulmer, a daughter, Diann Louise; to Lt. and Mrs. Robert Fritz, a daughter, Sandra Ann; to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Heller, a son, Steven Gerald; to Tech. Sgt. and Mrs. Eugene V. Scott, a daughter, Vicki Jean.

Alpha Eta Chapter celebrated its twentieth birthday anniversary November 22nd with a party at the sorority hall given by the past presidents of the organization in honor of the patronesses and new pledges of the sorority. The first business session, with Mrs. Harold Caylor presiding, was re-enacted and the founders wore the clothes they had worn twenty years ago.

Impressive initiation services for five new members were held at our Christmas party. Mrs. Heniz, Van Wert, Ohio, gave a very interesting talk on her hobby of collecting miniature dolls.

Our pool was a very popular place again this summer, as well as a very profitable one. We cleared over $900.

We have saved, salvaged, solicited, sewed, and served along with the other chapters of Psi Ote to make 1944 the year of Victory. We are very proud that we were able to buy a $1,500 War Bond. We mailed fifty-six boxes of vacuum-packed fudge, nuts, and fried chicken to sons, husbands, brothers and sisters in the armed services. We gave a coke party for prospective WAVES. and are coöperating with the sponsorship of the Youth Canteen.

At our twentieth anniversary party we dedicated a service flag with six stars for our sister Alpha Eta members in the armed forces:

Lt. June Hiatt Kiesler, Waco, Texas
Lt. Lucile Reidlinger, Air Evacuation Corps, Fairbanks, Alaska
Petty Officer, 2/C Lois Shepherd, Glenview, Illinois
Petty Officer, 2/C Barbara Buckner, Grosse Ile, Michigan
Y 3/C Betty Shinogle, Washington, D. C.
Pvt. Rebecca Hiatt, New River, N. C.

CHI CHAPTER

Brookston, Indiana

President	Mrs. Max S. Harrington
Vice President	Mrs. Cleo R. Allen
Secretary	Mrs. Harold Wesner
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Clarence C. McClean
Treasurer	Wilburdine Smith

New Members: Mrs. Terrell Wynkoop, Mrs. Edward Dykhuizen, Mrs. Morris Erickson, Jr., Mrs. John Hughes, Mrs. V. D. Mutchler, Ardys Charles, Patricia Miller, Averill Rogers, Gloria Thompson, Juanita Waugh.

Marriages: Evelyn Wynkoop to Terrell Dawkins; Anna Harriet Kent to Tech. Sgt. Dale Edwards Owens.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lachmund a daughter, Judith Irene, May 17, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. William C. Moore a son, Edward Kent, July 31, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Owen Harmon a son, Eric Jon, August 15, 1943.

Greetings, Psi Otes:

It's hard to realize that another year has been added to Psi Ote history and we pause to ponder over its succession of events.

We have planned, worked, hoped and achieved. Sometimes, no doubt, we have failed, but that goes with it too, when it strengthens our purposes and presents a challenge to work harder to achieve our goal.

We agreed at the outset of this year to meet once a month for a combined business and social meeting and to devote the alternate meeting to work in the surgical dressing unit of Red Cross.

Due to the abundance of jobs, the demand for local charity has been lessened and has allowed us opportunity to increase our efforts in war work. However, a Psi Ote cheer basket found its way to a "shut in" family at Christmas and several underprivileged children are being provided with hot school lunches. Contributions given to the Girl Scout troop which we sponsor, helped to defray expenses at Scout camp. Other donations were made to infantile paralysis and tuberculosis funds. The annual award to the outstanding English student was given, as usual.

So many of our money-making projects have been whisked away in these money-saving times, that we've had to rely more and more on our "old faithful" — pop corn machine. Our pop corn, even though "less buttered" finds a ready sale and we're delighted to furnish it. Our cake

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10. Lucille Clossen, Logansport.
11. Zula Ehinger, Decatur.
12. Mrs. Edwin Price, Peru.
13. Mrs. C. Everett Mavis, Jr., Garrett.
14. Mrs. Max Harrington, Brookston.
15. Mrs. Arthur W. Rose, Ft. Wayne, Delta Gamma.
16. Mrs. William Latta, Goshen.
17. Mrs. Thomas Clutter, Mentone.
18. Sarah Gretchen Young, Huntington.
19. Mrs. Franklin Buckner, Bluffton.

raffle at every meeting still nets a nice little sum.

Although war work, rationing and the like have curbed our social life, we still have found time for several pleasurable events. A coöperative dinner was a feature of our men's party. The review of the book "Jacoby's Corner" given by Mrs. Leslie Paschen of Monticello, Indiana, was the highlight of entertainment at a tea given for our mothers and guests. A theatre party marked the observance of our anniversary. A formal dinner at Lincoln Lodge, followed by candle-light initiation services, was a lovely and outstanding event of the year. We are so proud of our ten new members. The Christmas party included a dinner, gift exchange and bridge and was held at our Community House.

Printed on the fly leaf of our program booklet for the past year are these lines by J. Mason Knox —

"It ain't the individual, nor the army as a whole,
But the everlastin' teamwork of every bloomin' soul."

We hope we have contributed our part.

BETA XI CHAPTER

Crown Point, Indiana

President	Marjorie Alyea
Vice President	Virginia Horn
Secretary	Eileen Haniford
Cor. Secy.	Jeanette Westphal
Treasurer	Leona Noviskie

New Members: Georgia Fate, Mrs. Charles Foreman, Doris Westphal, Mrs. George L. Engstrom, Mrs. Ralph Geisen, Mrs. Wayne Seramur, Mrs. Raymond Liss, Mrs. John Lynch, Mrs. Virgil Place.

Engagements: Norma Jean Nethery to James Knight.

Marriages: Ruth Seberger to Paul Lambert; Annabelle Kendall to Edward Lynn; Georgia Fate to George Regnier.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Horn, a girl; to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lynn, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Clark, a boy, John Malcolm; to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Seranmur, a boy, Steven Craig; to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ruge, a boy, Richard; to Capt. and Mrs. Robert Youche, a girl, Martha; to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mueller, a girl.

"Hot dogs and ham sandwiches right over here"
Has been our battle cry this year.
On the Fourth of July we made a test
To see if business was at its best.
We erected a stand — just two by four
And sold hot dogs by the score.
Then came one of the Lake County Fairs
And we decided to peddle our wares.
With Chairmen Jeanette Westphal and Eileen Haniford in charge
We really set up a royal barrage.
When the air was cleared and the work was done
We found we could purchase a $1500 War Bond.
For that had been our purpose and aim
When we started the hot dog game.
Pledge service and initiation came next in line
And to our ranks we have added nine.
At Christmas time we joined the Kappa Clan
To trim Christmas trees at the local San.
Then feeling ready for a prance
We made plans for our annual dance.
The hall was trimmed in red and green
And capably managed by Florence McLean.
The lights were low and the crowd had fun
It even helped our bank account some.
Our social parties have been very few
Because of the Red Cross work we do.
Making sponges, sewing and knitting
Have kept us all busy while we're sitting.
We were glad to give a number of fives
To the USO, Red Cross and Paralysis drives.
To help the local chairmen get all the money in
The town was canvassed by Eleanor Gremel and her gremlins.
This brings our current year up to date
And now we wonder how we rate.
We have done our best, and are very proud
To say we belong to the Psi Ote crowd.

ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER

Decatur, Indiana

President	Mrs. James Ehinger
Vice President	Mrs. James Burk
Secretary	Miss Gladys Miller
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. John McConnell
Treasurer	Mrs. William Spahr

New Members: Mrs. Robert Bumgerdner, Mrs. George Daniels, Dorothy Gerber, Mrs. Loren Hudson, Joan Krick, Mrs. Ronald Parrish, Madeline Spahr, Kathryn Yager, Mrs. Ronald Newman (affiliated from Angola, Indiana).

Engagements: Barbara Duke to Capt. James Stephens; Marjorie Miller to Robert Mann.

Marriages: Flora Marie Lankenau to Y 2/C William Spahr; Flossie Steiner to S/Sgt. John McConnell; Betty Frisinger to Robert Helser; Phyllis Hunter to GM 2/C John Acheson; Lois Frank to Lt. Vaun Liniger; Betty Hunter to S/Sgt. Joe McNerney; Lt. Erna Lankenau to Capt. Richard L. Bemont.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Braun, a son, James; to Mr. and Mrs. James Cowan, a son, John Thomas; to Mr. and

Mrs. Richard Macklin, a son, Larry David; to Mr. and Mrs. George Daniels, a daughter, Beth Ann; to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peck, a son, Thomas Edward; to Mr. and Mrs. John Halterman, a daughter, Julianna; to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Joe McNerney, a son, Joseph Byron; to Dr. and Mrs. James Burk, a daughter, Barbara Eileen.

Hello again, this is Alpha Delta Chapter reporting on another year of activities, both social and charitable. Our program was well rounded including war work, charitable acts, but not neglecting a little morale building fun.

The first time we really let our hair down was the night the ghosts and goblins greeted us at our Hallowe'en party. The climax of the entertainment was the reading of a ghost story made even more blood-curdling by candles that extinguished at intervals until the room was in total darkness.

Then, Old St. Nick made his premiere appearance December 14th. A pantomime of the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" was the highlight of the program. Our president and past-president, garbed in night caps, night shirts and footlets, gave an excellent portrayal of "Ma in her kerchief and I in my cap." The star of the evening was St. Nick, himself, complete with "a little round belly that shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly."

Our pledge and initiation parties were in honor of eight grand girls.

Now, to show you that not all our time is spent in play, we have been very busy gathering our do-re-mi to do our bit for charity. We sponsored a rummage sale, picture show and card party; we sold stationery to add a few more pennies. Next, to spend this money we earned, we furnished a special nurse, two days, to care for a small child who was seriously burned, sent Elwin Von Emmon to the speech and hearing clinic, bought our annual Health Bond and gave, generously, to the Decatur Community Fund.

Although most of us are busy at our war jobs we are never too busy to spend some time in the War Bond booth, and by the way, we did our bit during both the third and fourth war loan drives. We have been buying War Bonds regularly and have continued our pastry raffle at our business meetings to buy War Stamps. Two of our girls are very capable nurses' aides.

The war has not only called many of our husbands and friends to the service but three of our girls have answered the call to the colors: Lt. Erna Bemont, Army Nurse Corps, stationed at Camp Custer, Michigan; Y 2/C Janet Schrock, WAVES, stationed at Washington, D. C.; Y 3/C Mary Frank, WAVES, stationed at Great Lakes, Ill. We remembered these girls, at Christmas time, with gifts.

These few things complete our report for another year and here's hoping by next year victory will be ours and we can truthfully say, "It's all over but the shouting."

BETA PSI CHAPTER

Delphi, Indiana

President	Edna Kerlin
Vice President	Lillian Melin
Secretary	Bertha Moore
Cor. Secy.	Cloe Foote
Treasurer	Lillie Ayres

New Members: Norma McCarty, Annadel Craig, Mildred Jones, Mrs. Robert Moore, Mrs. William Schosler, Mrs. Woodrow Whiteman, Shirley James.

Engagements: Norma McCarty to Ivan R. Ashba.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Asa Cohee, a son, Asa Jackson, Dec. 11, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eyer, son, Jon T., Jan. 17, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Harine, Jr., son, Samuel A. III, Jan. 14, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. John Justice, son, David Owen, Sept. 29, 1943.

Our social year began with our anniversary party. Kathleen Kerlin Curry of Winslow, Arizona, reviewed the book, "The White Cliffs," by Alice Duer Miller. Our patronesses, Georgia Gregg Kerlin and Catherine Case Brackenridge, were installed at this same meeting.

During the summer at our annual "Old Settlers" we had a bingo stand and this along with our drawing for our cedar chest at Christmas time, consisted of our money-making stunts. We are to continue the bingo stand during the summer of each year.

The local chapter is very fortunate in having Lillian Thayer as chairman of the County Red Cross. She spends much time in this work. Several girls have knitted garments for service men and donated time and effort in sponsoring every kind of war work. Two of our girls have donated more than two thousand hours. Cloe Foote and Eileen Flora are R. N. and conduct home nursing courses throughout the county. The sorority furnished food for the blood donors mobile unit in February. Many of our girls give their time in aiding with this work every time the mobile unit visits our city. The sorority sponsors the Brownie Scouts and Girl Scouts. We pay their national dues and act as councilmen for them. Each councilman attends one meeting a month and furnishes the refreshments for the girls.

Each year an outstanding high school boy is chosen and sent to Boy State at the expense of the sorority.

The sorority has purchased two $100

War Bonds this year and every member purchases individual or family bonds. At our business meetings we each buy a 10c War Stamp and have a drawing for the stamps.

Roy Trobaugh, a Delphi artist, was given a purchase prize of Psi Iota Xi at the Hoosier Art Salon in January. We are very proud of Mr. Trobaugh and have purchased one of his prize pictures for the local high school.

DELTA ETA CHAPTER

Detroit, Michigan

President	Mrs. Robert Brown
Vice President	Mrs. Dow Foraker
Secretary	Maxine Shelburne
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Dow Foraker
Treasurer	Maxine Shelburne

New Members: Mrs. Frank Hawley (Rho, Angola), Mrs. Charles Wylie (Delta, Indianapolis).

Delta Eta Chapter has had a very pleasant but uneventful year. We have a monthly meeting with an attendance of sometimes five and sometimes ten or more. We do thoroughly enjoy getting together, talking over old times, hearing news of old friends, meeting new members and now and then a bit of gossip.

It seems each month we get together we lose two or more members. Kathryn Anthony has joined her husband who is in the Army, stationed in San Antonio, Texas. Jewell Cumpston and family moved to Houston, Texas. Flossie Gollam has left Detroit, her present address unknown. Helen Graham has gone with her husband who is in the Navy someplace in Washington state. Pauline Wisehart is working in Washington, D. C. Catherin Ross and her family have returned to Zionsville. Our loss is Zionsville's gain.

We have had no births, engagements or marriages, so you see I really mean we have had an uneventful year.

Jura Majors Hawley, Rho Chapter, Angola, and Josephine Wylie, Delta Chapter, Indianapolis, have been added to our active list.

We have contacted several girls from other chapters but due to working conditions and our poor means of transportation, they have been unable to meet with us. We hope they will be able to in the near future.

BETA NU CHAPTER

East Chicago, Indiana

President	Mrs. A. W. Sirlin
Vice President	Geraldine Kauffman
Secretary	Helen Fisher
Cor. Secy.	Constance Kellam
Treasurer	Mrs. R. A. O'Connell

New Members: Mrs. Thomas Callahan, Cecile Ann Hilton, Jean Johnson, Mrs. John Marner, Margaret Mosny, Audrey Smith, Sylvia Stephens, Mrs. Vern Thompson.

Pledges: Valeria Loucks.

Engagements: Cecile Ann Hilton to Jack Scuyler.

Marriages: Margaret Masten to Orville Starstead; Carole Olson to Frank Boroughs; Ann Moss to Richard Ferguson; Almira Gardner to Gordon Heim.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Williams, a girl, May 14, 1943, named Bronwyn Elizabeth.

Beta Nu Chapter opened the sorority year in September with a "mixer" and tea where everyone took the opportunity to chat with friends whom they had not seen during the Summer. In October a beautiful pledge and initiation service was held at which eight new members were initiated. The annual "gentlemen's evening" was held in November at Phil Schmidt's, famous local restaurant, in a private dining room. About sixty people, after eating to repletion, were entertained and stimulated by Reverend John Paul Jones, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church of Whiting, who discussed "The Mental Hygiene of War Time Living."

December's programs included a musical program and a dinner dance. Both were well attended in spite of the prevalence of the "flu." Poetry appreciation was the topic for the January meeting, while in February, the new members provided clever entertainment.

"Evolution" is the intriguing title of the March meeting; it is hinted that the rubber shortage as it affects the girdle and corset situation is the explanation. A surprise party is scheduled for April while the annual Mothers' Day party is planned for May. We are also planning an excellent program for the June meeting and installation of officers.

In order to streamline sorority activities to help in the war effort, we concentrated on a few large money-making projects this year. They were uniformly successful and our charity donations continued as in former years. Some of these are: scholarship to Indiana Extension, the Hoosier Salon Patrons Association, the Community Chest, Red Cross, War Bonds, Girl and Boy Scout camps and other contributions.

We are glad to give again the Kathryn B. Dickey Nursing Scholarship to St. Catherine's Hospital.

BETA ALPHA CHAPTER

Flora, Indiana

President	Mrs. Meredith Butcher
Vice President	Mrs. Lynn Ledmon
Secretary	Mary Dorcus Clemons
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. C. J. Harmon
Treasurer	Mrs. Russell Ayres

New Members: Garnet Mussellman.

Engagements: Garnet Mussellman to Keith Synder.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bishop, a son, Daniel, November 3, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Delos King, a daughter, Suzanne, November 13, 1943.

How about a visit with Beta Alpha, located at the garden spot of Indiana?

First let us have a look at the lighter things in life. Our parties have all been grand with good food, good companionship — what more could one ask! The Christmas party gave us all that noble feeling. We had a ten-cent exchange and gave fifty cents each to the USO. Our tea was a big success and why not — we had Mrs. Weldon J. Lynch, or do you remember her as Minnie Lou Chittick, to review "Hungry Hill." It was fine having Minnie Lou with us even for such a short time.

Business! Our two old stand-bys — Christmas cards and cedar chest have again gone all out for us. War Bond raffles proved their worth and running concessions at the 4-H fair were successful and entertaining as well.

Charity work finds Beta Alpha well prepared. We have furnished glasses, school lunches and clothing for those needing a helping hand.

We were hostesses to the blood bank on two of its visits and we have given aid to Red Cross; also the tubercular and infantile paralysis funds. The hospital beds and wheel chairs have been doing their good work, too.

We have all taken time to play hostess to our young people at the Flora Recreation Hall and a finer group of Psi Ote material you will never see!

We sincerely miss our girls who are with their husbands in the armed forces. but each day is a day nearer victory and we will all be together again.

Time is up. Do come for another visit in "45."

PI CHAPTER

Fort Wayne, Indiana

President .... Mrs. Richard Heine
Vice President .... Mrs. Ray Druhot
Secy. (senior grp.)...........Mrs. Byard Smith
Secy. (junior grp.).......Mrs. Robert Nossett
Cor. Secy. ..... Mrs. P. Christopher DeWald
Treas. (senior grp.)..............Gladys Becker
Treas. (junior grp.)....................Nancy Kent

New Members: Ann Bartholomew, Eleanor Houghton, Lois Rea, Jean Weil, Helen Curdes, Jean O'Rourke, Marilyn Young, Katherine Kuntz, Marilyn Hull, Beatrice Andrews, Ellen Kattell.

Engagements: Eleanor Houghton to Pierre Talbert of Auburn, Indiana; Helen Curdes to Capt. Robert Edward Shilling cf Kokomo, Indiana.

Marriages: Mary Martha Rabus to Capt. John Reiber; Mary Benninghoff to P. Christopher DeWald; Marilyn Hull to Charles Porter; Marjorie McMahon to William F. Miller.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. James Martin, a son, David; to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thompson, a son, Richard Fletcher.

February 3, 1944

Dear Psi Iota Xi,

Several girls in Pi Chapter are doing outstanding tasks during our present emergency. Miss Virginia Griffith and Mary Richardine Smith are serving overseas with the American Red Cross. Miss Ellen Kattell recently joined the Marines. Mrs. D. V. Hull is doing a fine job as a Nurse's Aide while Jane McBride is one of our respected "Gray Ladies," who help cheer hospitalized soldiers at Baer Field. Mrs. Edward Young drives for the Red Cross Motor Corps and Miss Jane Duemling is chairman of Red Cross pins and uniforms. Miss Meribah Ingham is a member of our executive board governing the Teen Canteen. The project originated in hopes of alleviating juvenile delinquency. They have their own building with dancing and various recreational facilities. Psi Iota Xi staffs the "Teen Canteen" once a month. The project seems quite successful.

Our philantropic work has been diver-

Mrs. Charles Zelkowitz
President, Mt. Vernon, Ohio

sified. Two children were sent from Ft. Wayne to the speech and hearing clinic.

Layettes amounting to $25 were donated to the Needlework Guild. Blackout curtains were taken to Baer Field as a donation for the Red Cross recreational building. At Christmas, we had a silver offering for local needy families. This proved very successful.

Our largest project was to support the Zollner-Piston and Dow Chemical basketball game. The Zollner-Pistons are noted for their team, and these games interest hundreds of people. The proceeds amounted to $900.40 which was given to Pi Chapter. The proceeds will be used to conduct a recreational survey of our city. It is hoped this, too, will help curb the rising trend of delinquency. The survey will be made in the near future, and will be conducted by trained specialists.

This sums up our various interests. May we present all of you a much belated wish for a successful year.

Loyally yours,
Mary Benninghoff DeWald.

DELTA GAMMA CHAPTER

Ft. Wayne, Indiana

President	Mrs. Arthur W. Rose
Vice President	Mrs. Francis B. Thomas
Secretary	Mrs. W. R. McCarty
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Ralph A. Gunn
Treasurer	Mrs. Kenneth French

Marriages: Mary Callow to LeRoy Packard; Mildred Miller to Robert Meese.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Merrill V. Fenimore, a daughter, Susan Elizabeth, August 5, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Kimmel, a daughter, Constance Ann, March 29, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Jean M. Wildermuth, a son, Stephen Wolcott, January 30, 1943.

As we were transcending through the art building of a certain college, we chanced upon a picturesque mural that looked vastly familiar. Scrutinizing it more thoroughly, we realized it bore a close resemblance to the Psi Ote program of 1943-1944.

To the far left were a group of people gathered in a market place, buying and selling "old clothes" and "white elephants," while venders mingled among the crowd, peddling their bright colored Christmas cards.

Following along, we saw adolescents participating in numerous types of physical activity, manned by a group of competent leaders and chaperons. This scene portrayed quite realistically the successful Ft. Wayne Teen Canteen — and the fun we've had assisting with it.

In the center, dominating all else, we saw people showing a spirit of kindliness in a multitude of ways — two brides receiving initialed towels from a sewing circle; aprons galore and other valued merchandise being given to the Red Cross Thrift Shop; the Y. W. C. A. receiving a gift of a $100 War Bond toward a new rooming house for girls; Mrs. Ruth Chausse continuing with her Saturday speech and hearing classes (for three years Delta Gamma Chapter has sponsored these classes); barrels of cookies, Symphony tickets, sundry paper articles, an easel and rags being donated to the service men, while a needy civilian family was being remembered at Christmas with a basket of food.

To the right was a circuit of unusual speakers voicing their ideas on various subjects. The program included Miss Ethel McLane on "Child Care," Miss Margaret Wallace telling of "Mexico," "Customs of China" by Mrs. Lucile Chan, and "Home Thoughts from Guatemala" with Manuel Aquila speaking.

Concluding this graphic sketch were different types of socials — women mentally pulling each others' hair at a friendly card party; a Christmas festivity with contests, songs, and a gift exchange where the old time game of "Heavy, Heavy, Hangs Over Thy Head" was used to gain one's gift; rationing relaxed considerably at a sumptuous "point luck" feast; and then a concluding picnic for the entire family.

As we drew back from the mural, we saw the unity of it all combining charitable, cultural and social activities to form one central thought.

ALPHA RHO CHAPTER

Garrett, Indiana

President	Mrs. C. Everett Mavis, Jr.
Vice President	Mrs. Kenneth Pickering
Secretary	Betty Zern
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Gordon Dills
Treasurer	Eileen Gault

New Members: Mrs. Kenneth Martin, Mrs. C. E. Hicks, June Spencer, Eva Mae Argubright, Joan Rensberger, Evelyn Richmond, Wilma Traxler, Millicene Kelham, Martha Brandenburg, Katherine Simcox, Mrs. Jon Buckles.

Engagements: Eva Mae Argubright to Wesley Clark; Joan Rensberger to Dale D. Hart; Evelyn Richmond to Daryl Dalrymple.

Marriages: Margaret Ellen McLaughlin to Don Claybaugh.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Miller, a daughter, Adele, July 30, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Tharpe, a son, James Bernard, July 1, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Don Gingrich, a daughter, Marcia Ann, Sept. 24, 1943.

After spending the best part of two hours trying to be original and clever by means of poetry in preparing Alpha Rho Chapter's news letter to the Helicon, yours truly decided to dispense with the fantastic idea that said person is poetically inclined and resort to the tried and true method of plain facts stated in plain sentences. (I am sorry, girls, I wanted to write something Garrett could be proud of, but perhaps our record is enough!) I had better "can the chatter," so to speak, or those precious three hundred and fifty allotted words will be written before I have had a chance to relate what a pleasantly busy year we have had. However, before I begin I would like to say "Greetings, Sister Psi Otes:" (I'm in better humor now since I finally got this report started).

We finished our project of 400 Red Cross kit bags last February and contributed to the March of Dimes. A white elephant sale in March increased our bank account and was lots of fun, too. We worked diligently on the Red Cross drive in the spring and feel that it is well worth while.

Alpha Rho has taken steps to obtain an inhalator for our little city, but since we have no priority, we were forced to postpone this purchase until after the war.

Mrs. Rita Mavis was elected president last June and she certainly has proved her ability as a leader; so, here's a salute to our president who has kept busy for Psi Ote in Garrett while her heart is in Alaska with her soldier husband.

Our chapter voted to have but one meeting a month due to various war activities, but this has not in the least affected our charity work and contributions which include Red Cross, $10 to the War Fund drive and a donation to the city for the children's Christmas party. We also sponsor three Girl Scout troops and all of the Scout leaders are sorority members. The leaders spend two nights a week with the girls and have accomplished a great deal this year. Although we have not had the opportunity to buy glasses for needy children so far this year, we are ready if the occasion should arise. In October we purchased a $500 War Bond.

In December we had our first social event of the season in the form of a very lovely Christmas party. The standing program committee took complete charge and also presented a Negro playlet entitled "Culchure-Culture." Each member brought to the party a gift which was donated to the Red Cross Thrift Shop.

Again this year we sent the Readers' Digest to our husbands, sweethearts, and brothers in the armed forces. We have received many letters from these boys expressing their appreciation.

In January we had a bake sale which was a huge success and we anticipate a rummage sale in February.

I guess I have mentioned the most important events of 1943-44 so, until next year, will say "So long and best wishes" from the Psi Otes in Garrett!

WAR ACTIVITIES

Our war activities include a $25.00 donation to the Red Cross Thrift Shop and the purchase of a $500.00 War Bond. We have twelve members who have taken work in defense factories and some of the girls have taken a keen interest in civilian defense. Mrs. Eleanor Dills has been a block warden since the practice was first organized and Julia Schulthess has been very active in black-out drills. Julia has also worked 460 hours with the Red Cross and Helen Miller has worked 225.

We are very proud of the fact that one of our members, Patricia McDowell, has enlisted in the WAVES and is anticipating her call within a very few days.

Mary Ann Hartle and Helen Pickering have spent a lot of time as head of the salvage drive in Garrett and much credit should be given them for this work.

BETA RHO CHAPTER

Goshen, Indiana

President	Mrs. William C. Latta
Vice President	Mrs. Leon H. Summy
Secretary	Mrs. Charles Tyler
Cor. Secy.	LaNelle Taggart
Treasurer	Florence Bechtel

New Members: Betty Field, Janice Latta, Helen Frick, Frances Beck, June Musser, Mrs. Paul L. Lantz, Mrs. Richard Bosse, Mrs. Fred Fenton, Mary Brainard, Rosemarie Scherf.

Pledges: Barbara Sage, Mrs. Albert Joseph.

Engagements: Betty Field to William Rieth.

A formal dinner party at Sargents Hotel, Lake Wawasee, at which the new officers were installed and pledge services held for four outstanding girls, marked the beginning of the new year for Beta Rho. Our fifty-five girls were all seated for dinner at one long table which was beautifully decorated with the sorority colors being carried out in flowers and candles.

A month later our pledges were asked to furnish entertainment at a picnic supper held at the Wawasee cottage of Josephine Waltz, but they turned the tables on us by making it a quiz program with a truth or (more often) consequences angle, in which the members paid the consequences, the climax coming when Alice Bender gave us a demonstration of how she bathes the twins.

"In one of these you went to town; but oh! gee gosh, when you sat down—whoops! my dear," brought many a hoop skirt out of the attic for our scavenger hunt when we met with our president. Some of the clues were more difficult, but the objects called for were readily accessible, proving that a lot of driving is not necessary for a successful scavenger hunt.

We have had many other good times this year — at a musicale for which all entertainment was furnished by our talented members and their daughters; at our annual bride's party; at our formal Christmas party and white elephant exchange (would anyone have use for a second-hand water pipe?); and at our spring dance at which we conducted a War Stamp booth.

Each year our short story contest has been more and more enthusiastically received, until at last the attendance at the tea, at which we become acquainted with the high school girls and explain the rules of the contest to them, has outgrown the homes of all our members. This year we held the tea at Westminster House, where over one hundred guests attended, including the English teachers, almost every high school senior girl, and several out-of-town members.

However, along with our fun we have carried out two very successful rummage sales, a victory dance, and a bridge party to bolster our treasury, and are now planning to coöperate with the Teachers' Association in bringing Kathryn Turney Garten to Goshen for a book review in the Spring. Kathryn Turney Garten's book reviews have become almost an annual event and each one has proved to be a good money-maker.

Two years ago a McEachern obstetrical table was ordered by Beta Rho Chapter, to be presented to Goshen Hospital as a memorial to Kathryn Kantz Hughes. The table arrived two weeks ago, after we had completely given up hope of receiving it, and is now in use at the hospital. The superintendent reports that with the deluge of babies now being born there, the gift is especially appreciated at this time. This is our third major gift to the hospital.

Our other charities for the year have included donations to Elkhart County Tuberculosis Association, the school milk fund, War Chest, Society for Cancer Control, Red Cross, Needlework Guild of America, 40 & 8 drive for playing cards for service men, the purchase of two Symphony tickets for the use of service men, helping to pay for a medal for the outstanding senior high school girl of the year, paying for tonsillectomies for three needy children, and, of course, keeping the Psi Iota Xi room at the hospital in first-class condition.

We have been especially pleased with the coöperation and help we have received from Psi Ote members who have come back to Goshen to stay while their husbands are in the service of their country. We have made a particular effort to draw these girls into sorority work and have been very happy at their response. We only hope that our association will make the time until their husbands come home seem a little shorter to them.

ALPHA MU CHAPTER

Hartford City, Indiana

President	Betty Sue Kleefisch
Vice President	Mrs. Robert Hughes
Secretary	Mary Louise Scheidler
Cor. Secy.	Suzanna Howerter
Treasurer	Mary Guignard

New Members: Mrs. Marion Bonham, Mrs. Edwin H. Brands, Mrs. Elwin L. Brittan, Sarah Harvey, Mrs. Robert E. Jackson, Patricia Johnston, Rose Marie Piquet, Mrs. Donald E. Shaw, Evelyn Ann Scheidler, Eleanor Way.

Engagements: Bonnie Carmichael to Lt. George Kimball; Suzanna Howerter to Sgt. John P. Kleefisch.

Marriages: Ellen Beasley to Chester Harper Moore; Marian Henley to Kenneth Goodwell; Justine Burk to Earl Knettle.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Brands, a son, Harold Brown, born January 23, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Kraning, a son, Larry Dillon, born November 6, 1943.

PSI IOTA XI SONG OF WAR

Search if they will in every town
  Where cheer and good will prevail —
More willing hands will ne'er be found
  And so to our Psi Otes, Hail!

There was never a greater need for cheer, good will, and helping hands than during our country's present strife, and each Psi Ote is striving to do her utmost. The sorority as a national organization has risen to the cause, so further service remains to the valiant efforts of each chapter.

One constant function of Alpha Mu membership was regular hours of work in the Red Cross rooms assisting with sewing and other essential work. In connection with the Red Cross war fund drive held in March, six of our girls spent many hours aiding in the drive, and the chapter donated $10 to this fund. A substantial sum was also voted to the Red Cross kit bag fund. During the May bond drive, members pledged and bought bonds totaling $2,000 maturity value.

Other contributions included those to a local fund for needy children, American Legion Auxiliary poppy fund, cancer fund, War Chest, Indianapolis Symphony, and the Hoosier Art Salon. Several of our members assumed the responsibility of preparing and distributing Christmas baskets.

Alpha Mu was again proud to direct the county Tuberculosis Seal sale and we are happy to say that the sales totaled more than $1,800 — well over the quota. Needless to say, we were one of the first to buy a Health Bond.

Our more important money-making projects included a review of the book "The Robe" by Mrs. Olive Enslen Tinder, and our annual Thanksgiving dance.

In order to inform out-of-town members of our activities, our president prepared and mailed an interesting and complete news-letter to each of them. In this way, perhaps, our chapter can experience a stronger unity. We are proud to have a member in the WAVES — Miss Betty Denison.

And solemnly we make a vow
  To help our country dear.
We'll sing her praise and daily trust
  That victory may be near.
The present day will pass away
  But later in our hearts
We'll raise that flag and proudly say
  We Psi Otes did our part!

PHI CHAPTER

Huntington, Indiana

President	Sarah Gretchen Young
Vice President	Beulah Cline
Secretary	Mrs. Ralph Dille
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. R. V. Kemmer
Treasurer	Mrs. Roger Parker

New Members: Mrs. G. Hamilton Beasley, Mrs. Philip Heckendorn, Mrs. Fred Tower, Mrs. Richard Hodson, Gloria Wasmuth, Barbara Lamont, Helen Briggs, Mary Jane Cheneweth, Dorothy Griffith, Gloria Bolanz, Louanna Gardner, Betty Endsley, Beverly Stephan.

Engagements: Buelah Cline to Charles Wm. Davis. II; Susanne R. Seeley to Meredith D. Wamsley; Janet Schenkel to William F. Schacht, Jr.

Marriages: June Kilty to Lt. Kenneth Pegan; Eva Lois Reed to Guy Olsen, Alice Mae Williams to William Dill; Betty Shidler to Robert Galbreath; Betty Ditzler to Sgt. John Seagrave; Lois McMillen to Capt. Evan Lee Stoll.

Births: To Sgt. and Mrs. Bernard Lofland, a daughter, Sharon Kay; to Ensign and Mrs. Robert Wasmuth, a daughter, Charlotte Suzanne; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Petrie, a daughter, Ann Elizabeth; to Mr. and Mrs. C. Fred Juillerat, a son, David Clarence; to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hodson, a son, John Clyde; to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Heckendorn, a son, Fred Reynolds.

The outstanding achievement of Phi Chapter was the presentation of Room 223, in the new wing of the Huntington County Hospital, to the Hospital Board. For several years we had been adding to our sinking fund with this one purpose in mind, but the new hospital wing failed to materialize. It was a great day for Phi Chapter when the expansion plan went through. Our dream was finally fulfilled and it was worth all the anxiety of waiting.

Phi Chapter celebrated its twenty-fourth anniversary July 27, 1943, at the country home of Miss Alice Cline. It was to be a garden party, but turned out to be a dark and stormy night so forty-five members and two guests enjoyed a very lovely dinner inside at tables decorated with flowers from Alice and Emma's beautiful garden. All through the house there was gaiety and sunshine (the worst storm Huntington had seen in years couldn't get the Psi Otes down). The singing with Kate Walknetz at the piano and reminiscing with our charter members over the ups and downs of Psi Ote for twenty-four years, as you all know, left a warm beautiful memory in our hearts.

We may take time to go into detail about only one of many lovely parties. Our initiation was held at the home of Dorothy Steele and Marylin Miller. Thirteen girls joined the ranks of Psi Iota Xi and we are proud of every one of them. Four of the girls were daughters.

We held our annual mother and daughter banquet at the Hotel Lafontaine. This affair always fills us with pride when we may entertain our mothers, who are always loyal supporters of Phi Chapter.

There was our Christmas party at which time we revealed our secret sisters; we have had coöperative dinners and book reviews. You may begin to think it is all play and no work — but not so with the sisters of Phi. The girls have worked hard this year. Our annual Thanksgiving charity ball held in the Champagne Room of the Hotel Lafontaine was a huge success. We all had our fingers crossed because of the well known "man shortage," but lo and behold, we came out 'way ahead (thanks to the ways and means committee, which raffled a $25.00 War Bond which netted a nice profit).

The girls have worked faithfully at the Red Cross and many are volunteer workers at the ration board.

Charity, besides our hospital project, has consisted of furnishing glasses for needy children, sponsoring our Girl Scout troop, donating to the Red Cross, infantile paralysis drive, Salvation Army, cancer control, and tuberculosis Health Bond; and were proud that we could lead the war fund drive with a start of $50.00.

We also continued our Indiana State Symphony ticket for the service men.

Phi Chapter of Psi Iota Xi is very happy to announce that with its twenty-seven active members she has spent $20.00 per capita for charity in the past fiscal year and hopes to raise that to $30.00 next year.

KAPPA CHAPTER

Kokomo, Indiana

President	Mrs. Ruby Masquelette
Vice President	Mrs. Martha Maddox
Secretary	Dorothy Shockley
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Martha Robinson
Treasurer	Mrs. Mary Lou Couch

New Members: Joy Parkinson, Joan Nolte, Mrs. Frances Reith, Helen Jo Stone, Barbara Upham, Elinor Thorne, Mrs. Dorothy Mae Forehand.

Pledges: Miss Mary Ann Burge, Miss Angie Phelps, Mrs. Carol Martin.

Marriages: Edna Hiner to Garwood Thomas; Margaret White to Frederick C. Kroft; Betty Beck to Ronald Rex Warren; Dorothy Barker to Ensign Glen Edwards; Martha Richardson to Lt. J. D. Robinson; Annabelle Clark to Lt. Norman VanEck; Ruth Miles to Sgt. Sidney Golighty, Jr.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Russell Humphreys, a daughter, Charlotte Jill, April 24, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Maddux, a son, Blake Sherman, April 24, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. John O. Maher, a son, Thomas William, July 15, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mays, Jr., a daughter, Sandra Lee, June 5, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wininger, a son, Gene Robert, Jr., December 13, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Worland, a daughter, Leta Jane, January 13, 1943; to Major and Mrs. Wendell Covalt, a son, Wendell Leroy, Jr., January 31, 1942; to Ensign and Mrs. John W. Jessup, a son, Stephen Mills, February 3, 1944.

The year of 1942 and 1943 has been a year full of changes for Kappa Chapter as for each and every chapter during these times. Our girls are constantly going and coming with their husbands being stationed all over the world.

With all of this, we have tried to maintain our schedule and keep up our activities which, with so much change, has been most difficult.

We have had no outstanding major money-making project and have kept to the usual sources such as rummage sales, Christmas dance and paper products merchandising with which we have done very well. Due to present conditions we have been unable to present an outstanding program to date; however, we are still trying and are, at the present time, contemplating a series of book reviews with our own talented Helen Stone giving these for our charity fund.

Our parties which we are having in conjunction with our meetings have been great. One outstanding party which we gave last year was our April rush party. This was a skating party and the committee greeted the guests in comic attire on skates. We also gave a floor show on skates, having several well known artists appear in person. A delightful supper was served by the committee from the Coke bar connected with the rink. The Christmas tea was very beautiful. This was held at the home of Mrs. Frances Dawson and the tea table was set with a beautiful white linen cloth with a red satin ribbon runner down the center of the table. At one end of the table was a small screen representing a cathedral window below which was a miniature organ and small choir figurines and candles representing the processional. The candle-lighted room and beautiful music by Mrs. Hester Jessup all added up to a most beautiful and impressive Christmas party.

At this time we wish to extend greetings to Grand Council and all our sister chapters and may our next year's report find us all restored to a peace-time schedule.

DELTA ZETA CHAPTER

Lafayette, Indiana

President	Hazel Castell
Vice President	Phyllis Freeman
Secretary	Elda Decker
Cor. Secy.	Lena Click
Treasurer	Nola Harmon

New Members: Valera Ransburg, affiliate from Rho Chapter, Angola; Cecelia Zissis, affiliate from Omega Chapter, Lebanon.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Canada, a daughter, Julia Analee, August 23, 1943.

Delta Zeta is an associate chapter made up of members from various other chapters. At present we have four members from Omega Chapter and four from the former Lafayette chapter, otherwise our other members do not form any cliques.

We have been busy with war work which includes individual work in USO, Red Cross, and Navy Club. We have sold Stamps and Bonds at the local theatres for the past two years with other non-collegiate sororities.

We sent a nine-year-old girl to the speech clinic at Indiana University last summer, paying her train fare and registration. This speech clinic was sponsored by National Psi Iota Xi, and was for a period of six weeks.

We have alternate business meetings with special meetings devoted to art, literature, music and charity.

The first meeting in September was a dinner meeting at the home of the vice president, Phyllis Freeman, who gave a most interesting and complete report of the convention in Indianapolis. As she is a former member of Iota Chapter she felt a great pride in the fine way the convention accomplished its aims.

The art meeting was at St. Francis College. Sister Rufinia, one of Indiana's outstanding artists and head of the St. Francis art department, was guest speaker. She chose as her subject, "The History and Making of Ceramics," and illustrated her lecture by showing us many different patterns in china and pottery. A vase was molded before us in order that we might see the various steps which lead to the finished product. We had invited guests at this meeting.

For our literature meeting we had a most interesting book review by a guest speaker. After the review there was an informal discussion of books and authors.

We are looking forward to the musical program in February when we are to hear a group of piano selections by a guest artist, Mrs. H. H. Szmant, of Cuba.

For our charity program we had as speaker Mrs. W. O. Harmon, of the Tippecanoe Welfare Board. She explained the work of the welfare board, gave a number of specific cases, and told how we could be of great help in this welfare work. The little girl whom we had sent to the speech clinic came to this meeting and told us of the training and good time she had had. It was fine to see how grateful the child was for the benefit she had received.

We closed our year in June with a picnic at the summer home of Nola Harmon on Lake Freeman.

ALPHA XI CHAPTER

Logansport, Indiana

President	Mrs. Lucille Closson
Vice President	Mrs. Janet Uhl
Secretary	Ruth Lee Pollard
Cor. Secy.	Katherine Erb
Treasurer	Helen Rich

New Members: Mrs. Leland Smith, Patricia Mertz.

Pledges: Shirley Schmidt.

Marriages: Betty Nagle to Lt. James Evans; Martha Bowyer to Lt. James Harrold; Mary Alice Kroeger to George Keisling, Jr. (U.S.N.R.); Virginia Wells to Lt. Clyde Black, Jr.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Medland, a son, William James, Jan. 1, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lowes, a son, James Bernard, Nov. 10, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Persinger, a son, Robert, Aug. 21, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carr, a son, Richard Elliott, March 18, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. George Closson, a son, James, Dec. 6, 1943.

Diary of Miss Alpha Xi Chapter

My Pledge: I pledge, to buy regularly at each meeting, War Saving Stamps and Bonds, to save paper, waste fats, scrap metal, tin cans, and rubber and to buy only the things I need.

Feb. 8: Bought $100.00 War Bond. Gave $10.00 to infantile paralysis fund. Appropriated $250.00 for glasses and clothing for needy children.

March 8: Donated $150.00 to American Red Cross.

April 12: Bought another $100.00 War Bond.

April 20: Kathryn Turney Garten reviewed "The Robe." Complete sell out.

April 27: Entertained rushees.

May 11: Bought graduation outfit for needy girl. Donated $25.00 to Service Men's Club and magazine subscriptions to Cadet Center.

May 24: Pledging and installation of officers.

June 26: Sponsored formal dance for aviation cadets of Bunker Hill Naval Air Station. Huge success.

Aug. 2: Pledges entertained at outdoor picnic.

Sept. 13: All hands on deck for first business meeting of new year. Off to a flying start — all out for victory. Voted to sell magazines and stationery, also to sponsor Kathryn Turney Garten.

Sept. 20: Had a covered dish dinner (you would never know there was rationing) and entertained rushees. Had as my guest Mary Margaret Justice, my sister who is a member of the WAVES.

Sept. 25: Rummage sale. Everyone donated. Results $94.17.

Oct. 20: Kathryn Turney Garten reviewed "So Little Time." Had them standing in the aisles.

Oct. 25: "Come as you are party." Everything from undies on up. Pledging services. The girls donated food which they raffled to pay for party. Gave $100.00 to War Fund.

Nov. 8: Was asked to sponsor Junior Red Cross in Logansport. I accepted. Sent $10.00 to Hoosier Salon and continued membership in Patrons' Association.

Nov. 22: Invitations read "come to the County Horse Race." A sure way to mix people. Fun!!

Dec. 13: Allotted $100.00 for clothing, vitamins, and glasses for needy children. Purchased $10.00 Christmas Seal bond.

Dec. 22: Sacked candy for Elks children's Christmas party.

Dec. 27: Formal initiation and dinner.

Everyone appeared in best bib and tucker.

I also made surgical dressings at business meetings and two other nights a month.

ALPHA NU CHAPTER

Markle, Indiana

President	Mary Lou Miller
Vice President	Gene Paul
Secretary	Mrs. Rex Shutt
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Frey Stockman
Treasurer	Kathryn Hinkle

New Members: Mrs. Brooks Brickley, Mrs. Carl Hoopingardner, Mrs. Clifford Lipkey, Mrs. Howard Anderson, Mrs. Paul Keller, Mrs. Dennis Greenwalt, Ola Brickley, Carolyn Keplinger.

Marriages: Beulah Lund to Paul Keller; Phyllis Haflich to Richard Wagner.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Owen Stockman, a daughter, Judith Kay; to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford L. Lipkey, a daughter, Rebecca Lee; to Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shutt, a son, Jerry Lee.

Alpha Nu Chapter has been quite warminded this year with wives, mothers, sisters and sweethearts doing their part on the home front while their "men" are in the service. We have used the time at our monthly meetings, with the exception of our Christmas meeting, folding bandages for the Red Cross. We now have three hundred ninety-seven hours to our credit in this war project. In addition to the bandage folding, several of the members have been doing knitting, too. Our short business meetings have been conducted at the finish of the evening's work.

Our social life has been very light. In August a lovely dinner at the country home of one of our members preceded our initiation services for two new members. One of our honorary inactive members very generously offered her recreation room for our Christmas party which was our usual dinner and exchange. At this party each girl chose a name of a shut-in for whom she prepared and delivered a Christmas box on Christmas Eve. We are still sponsoring the library project as we have for several years and each month a new book is chosen by two of our members and presented to the library. We have made our usual donations to various funds such as the Tuberculosis Bond, War Fund drive, etc.

Our money-making projects have all been on the small scale, but we have netted nice profits from the sale of Swan barometers — thanks to one of our members who so willingly took the sponsoring of these sales on her own shoulders and pocketbook. Our annual rummage sale, which was even more successful than usual, was held in the early fall. For our Christmas earnings, the members made stuffed toys which were sold at our library. A few toys which were not sold were donated to the Junior Red Cross for a children's hospital. In the early fall a packing company from Georgia came to our community and purchased the green tomatoes in the fields which were in danger of being frostbitten. The unripened tomatoes were to be sorted and packed in cases for shipment to the South where they were ripened and used to feed the army. Of course workers were needed for this sorting and packing. Alpha Nu took on this work with two of our girls in charge. We were paid fifty cents per hour for the work with eight girls working on each shift. From this project we netted a very nice amount before frost cut short our gold mine. The remainder of this year will be devoted to our Red Cross work.

BETA EPSILON CHAPTER

Mentone, Indiana

President	Mrs. Thomas J. Clutter
Vice President	Mrs. Lucille Whetstone
Secretary	Mrs. Delford Nelson
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Lymon Mollenhour
Treasurer	Mrs. C. Jack Riner

New Members: Mrs. Harold Utter; Hope Deaton.

Greetings, from the members of Beta Epsilon Chapter to our sister Psi Otes.

Our program during the last year has been devoted to the study of our allied nations: South America, China, Africa, India, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, and the Pacific islands. This has been very instructive and interesting to members of our chapter as we have friends and relatives in most of these countries.

In July we had our usual annual guest picnic. All members and guests enjoyed a delicious pot luck dinner, followed by a theater party.

In December, in a home beautifully decorated in keeping with the holiday season, members and guests enjoyed dinner and bridge.

During the past year we have been lax in doing charity in our own community. But, as a chapter, we have given to all war drives, USO, Red Cross, Salvation Army, bought War Stamps, and helped with all scrap drives.

In April two $5.00 scholarships will be presented to the two students who have made outstanding marks during their four years of high school study.

One member, Mrs. Delford Nelson, represents our sorority as matron of the local Girl Scout group.

During the past year we have helped sponsor Red Cross and Red Cross drives.

Our outstanding activity was the sponsoring of the Sister Kenny treatment for infantile paralysis. Citizens of the community were invited to receive and hear this information and many responded, making it a great success.

Two members of our chapter are members of the Civil Air Patrol, which is now an auxiliary of the United States Air Force. These members are taking flight instructions.

We have also assisted in all sewing and knitting done by the Red Cross and all members are buying War Bonds and Stamps.

Six members have donated eleven pints of blood to the blood bank and all made appointments to return in the near future. We are also completing preparations to sponsor this drive in our community by making the appointments and seeing that the citizens of our community who wish to donate blood have transportation to and from the bank.

BETA GAMMA CHAPTER

Peru, Indiana

President	Mrs. Edwin Price
Vice President	Mrs. Noel Davis
Secretary	Mrs. Wm. Vrooman
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. James M. Mock
Treasurer	Jean Van Steenberg

New Members: Mrs. Tobe Seiler, Jane Ellen Thoennes, Arliss Price, Kathleen Edwards, Mrs. Charles Bussard, Mrs. Joseph Boswell, Mrs. John Bethel, Lois Wildman, Roberta Turner, Kathleen Wagner.

Engagements: Rosanna Durkes to David Garrison; Phyllis Alspach to Thomas Tully; Marlee Welke to Albert E. Fishback, Jr.

Marriages: Kathryn Doud to John Davidson; Eileen Greiner to Harold Kunkle; Rosemary Coon to William Hammond; Loretta Wolf to John Cain; Betty Patheal to Norman Miley; Betty Jane Brittain to Tobe Seiler; Mary Jane Butler to James M. Mock.

Births: To Lt. and Mrs. Joseph Y. Reed, a daughter.

Greetings, sister Psi Otes! Here we are again to tell you of our activities of the past year.

Inspection last year was held in the apartment of the high school and proved to be very interesting. At the same meeting. we had a lovely surprise shower on Loretta Wolf Cain, one of our newlyweds.

Spring was the theme of our rush party and everyone there had a grand time.

In June we celebrated our anniversary dinner and initiation at the Mississinewa Country Club. At formal candlelight services we initiated six lovely girls.

A miscellaneous shower at Smithy's Playhouse for Eileen Greiner Kunkle, another newlywed, and a wiener roast and outdoor games at Mary LaVerne Conner's country home proved to be just the thing for the July and August summer evenings.

Our annual hobo convention was held at the Log Cabin in the Maconaquah Park and the theme added much to the evening's entertainment.

Witches and black cats reigned at our Halloween party in October and everyone had a spooky good time.

Two of our charming patronesses, Mrs. D. M. Coppock and Mrs. M. L. Redmon, were hostesses for our art program held at the Coppock home. We also held candlelight initiation services for four more lovely girls.

Our formal Christmas party was much enjoyed at the home of Virginia Guisinger.

In January our literary program was held at the home of a very sweet person, another patroness, Mrs. Edwin F. Miller.

Staff Sgt. Patricia Drinkard, one of our Psi Otes, is getting along nicely in the WACs and her address is Staff Sgt. P. Drinkard, A-502462, Room 107, Federal Bldg., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

Many of our girls are serving as hostesses at the USO and some as group leaders. Others are on the USO council. Our girls also do Red Cross work and are always willing to help in any other way when needed.

To earn money, we have sponsored a book review, rummage sales, sold Christmas cards, wreaths and cones. Our newly adopted project of selling paper products already has proved quite successful.

For charity we have contributed to all local and national drives, purchased a bond, and sent Christmas gifts to all inmates at the county farm.

GAMMA BETA CHAPTER

Remington, Indiana

President	Evelyn Waples
Vice President	Gwendolyn Pender
Secretary	June Nelson
Cor. Secy.	Marie Bott
Treasurer	Jessie Heminger

New Members: Betty Hopkins, Mrs. Wilson Bellows, Mrs. Melvin Scharlach, Mrs. Myron Meents.

Marriages: June Eller to Raymond Nelson; Evelyn Fisher to William Pacini; Dorothy Hicks to Wilson Bellows; Marjorie Ann Babcock to Melvin Scharlach; Charlotte Bellows to Richard Stoikowitz (U. S. Navy); Esther Lucterhand to Myron Meents.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. William Pender, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Allen

Wall, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. William Pacini, a son.

Dear Miss Flint,

Gamma Beta Chapter of Psi Iota Xi of Remington has purchased a $100 War Bond, bought a $5.00 Health Bond, donated $5.00 to the USO, bought a tank of oxygen for our Insuflator, and repaired the Insuflator.

Our outstanding public performance was a pageant put on at our Fountain Park Chautauqua. A historical pageant, "The Review of Revues," depicting northwestern Indiana a century or more ago and the founding of Remington and its development up to the present time, was presented under the auspices of Gamma Beta Chapter of Psi Iota Xi Sorority at Fountain Park Chautauqua grounds, Remington, Wednesday evening, August 11. More than fifty persons participated in the pageant which was written and directed by Clara E. Balcom, charter president of the chapter. The event was a prelude to the fiftieth anniversary celebration of Fountain Park Chautauqua which was founded forty-nine years ago by Robert Parker. It is one of the few remaining organizations of the kind which once flourished a few decades ago in the Middlewest.

Our outstanding fun fest was a treasure hunt at Halloween time with the pledges winning the treasure.

We have two members in the U. S. service, namely Mary Mather, Pharmacist Mate second class, WAVES Quarters, U. S. Naval Hospital, Newport, Rhode Island, and Miss Clara Elizabeth Balcom, American Red Cross, Finney General Hospital, Thomasville, Georgia.

We held a very successful rummage sale in November which netted the chapter more than sixty dollars.

Sincerely,
Marie Bott.

BETA DELTA CHAPTER

Van Wert, Ohio

President	Marguerite Drake
Vice President	Margaret Weidner
Secretary	Pauline Jones
Cor. Secy.	Kathryn Rauch
Treasurer	Valeria Thomas

New Members: Mrs. John Makemson, Dorothy Uhl.

Engagements: Dorothy Uhl to Cpl. Richard M. Weigle.

Marriages: Betty Graham to Truman Martin; Mary Ickes to Karl Reidenbach; Jane Lehman to James Grant; Winifred Arnold to David A. Jones; Marguerite Good to Junior Drake.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Hedges, a daughter, Nancy Jane, born January 17, 1944.

Beta Delta Chapter began her new year with a review of the book "Destination Chungking." Formal initiation for two pledges was held at our March meeting. At our April meeting a very interesting review, "The Drs. Mayo," was enjoyed by our group. In May we had a musicale presentation by a very talented Van Wert High School boy. A picnic was enjoyed by our group in June and at that time our War Bond raffle was held. Our chapter cleared $64.00 on this charity project. In September we held our annual Anniversary dinner. At each plate were favors of Ivory soap tied with ribbons of the sorority colors, the ivory being a symbol of the 14th anniversary.

At one of our chapter meetings, a WAC recruiter gave a very educational talk regarding the WACs. Following her talk, one of our own sisters gave an interesting account of her trip through Canada showing us pictures and souvenirs collected at various points of interest. A white elephant bingo party was held in October. Prizes were the white elephants donated by the members.

A rummage sale was held in November with a clearance of $43.00 toward our charity fund. During this month another book review, "Get Thee Behind Me," was presented most ably by a guest of the chapter. Our Christmas dinner was held December 21. Attractive table decorations were carried out in keeping with the holiday season. Place cards were novelty pasteboard replicas of animals and served as unusual souvenirs. Following the dinner, we had an exchange of Christmas gifts and the revealing of mystery pals.

We are looking forward to another raffle of a War Bond we are having next month.

Annual picnic of Beta Psi held at Delphi, Indiana, July, 1943.

Food stand operated by Crown Point girls at Lake County Fair netted over $1,000.

Charter members of Bluffton.

Room 223 in the new wing of the Huntington County Hospital, furnished by Phi Chapter members, is for the use of maternity patients. It is decorated in harmonizing shades of green, rose and cream and is furnished with modified Sheraton walnut furniture.

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CENTRAL PROVINCE

GAMMA DELTA CHAPTER

Attica, Indiana

President	Mrs. Paul Sullivan
Vice President	Mrs. Wilbur Smith
Secretary	Ruth Ellen Clark
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. E. S. Stuteville
Treasurer	Helen Ann Timm

New Members: Mrs. C. R. Dimmick, Mrs. Thomas C. Haller, Mrs. Maynard C. Robertson, Mrs. J. Elwood Anderson, Mrs. Joe Cull, Mrs. Doan Helms, Mrs. Paul Hill, Mrs. Edward L. McCabe.

New Members: Cordelia Swearingen Springman, Edna Grady Phelps, Doris Mettee, Frances Mettee.

Births: To Dr. and Mrs. Lee Maris, a daughter, Marcia; to Dr. and Mrs. John Hash, a daughter, Catherine; to Mr. and Mrs. Milford Knowles, a son, Christopher; to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Kirkman, a son, William; to Mr. and Mrs. Reed Knowles, a daughter, Sharon Sue; to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Parmenter, a daughter, Becky Sue; to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lambert, a daughter, Judith Lynne.

Early in the year Gamma Delta Chapter, under the efficient guidance of our president, Ruby Sullivan, added another worthwhile project to its past ones. We realized certain standards had to be maintained if our 'teen age boys and girls were to be kept happy and content; so, in conjunction with the Lion's Club, the Psi Otes are sharing operating expenses for the local Boys' Club. This amounts to $7.00 per week. The club is open each day, Monday through Friday, and is under the supervision of a local woman. Again fifty-five children in the school are receiving vitamin capsules.

We are very proud that a Psi Ote, Eleanor Poston, is serving her fourth year as county production chairman of the Red Cross and under her supervision kit bags were made and filled for the Army and Navy.

We have purchased two Symphony tickets, two War Bonds and have made contributions to the war relief, infantile paralysis and tuberculosis funds. To carry on our charity work our money has been earned by magazine subscriptions and our annual fall festival and rummage sale.

As last year, the month of December was devoted to music. Our Christmas party was held at Ruth Cunningham's at which time Prof. and Mrs. Glen Halik of Purdue University rendered a delightful program of violin and piano numbers.

The program committee did not have a year of all work and no play in mind when our program was planned. Our anniversary party, a covered dish picnic, was held in the Old Mill at Gladys Harrison's. A lovely Hawaiian party was held at the home of Ruth Ellen Clark. Two card parties and a book review have also been enjoyed.

Twelve new members have been welcomed and old Doc. I. Bringsum Young has been busy in Attica as seven babies have blessed Psi Ote homes.

Two girls have gone to be near their husbands who are in the armed forces. We hope that before another year ends our boys will be home and lasting peace and victory will prevail for all people in all countries.

George Manlove, the husband of Blanche Manlove, passed away December 23, 1943. Blanche is a charter member and was active in organizing our local Gamma Delta Chapter.

BETA PI CHAPTER

Cambridge City, Indiana

President	Mrs. Clarence Page
Vice President	Mrs. Ivan Druley
Secretary	Marguerite Polk
Cor. Secy.	Joyce Hunnicutt
Treasurer	Lorena May Clifton

New Members: Mrs. Dale Brunner, Lois Hicks, Alice Hinebaugh, Mrs. Lloyd Howard, Mary Hughes.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Bachmann, a daughter, Sharon Ann, May 6, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, a daughter, M. Barbara, April 28, 1943.

The following tells you in a few words our activities for the year as it was outlined in our program book.

"For the year 1943-44 Beta Pi is endeavoring to coöperate wholeheartedly with the war effort. To this end, it was voted that members fold bandages at the Red Cross room, preceding regular business meetings, and that bandage folding replace social meetings with the exception of five special social functions: Christmas party, guest party, mother's party, pledging, and initiation."

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1. Martha C. Finney, Frankfort.
2. Mrs. Clarence E. Page, Cambridge City.
3. Mary Ellen Watson, Greenfield.
4. Mrs. Herschel Roberts, Eaton.
5. Mrs. Harry E. Joiner, Richmond.
6. Mrs. Maude Harris Siebert, Indianapolis, Delta Beta.
7. Mrs. Ivan Heche, Fortville.
8. Mrs. Wayne W. Hinkle, Portland.
9. Mrs. Paul R. Sullivan, Attica.

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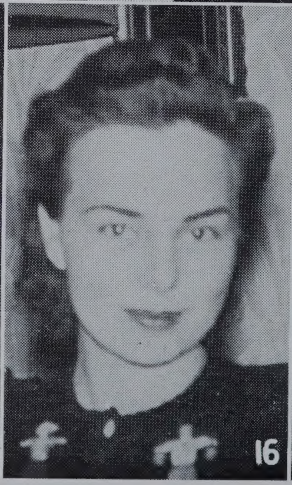
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Our money-making projects of the year have included a rummage sale, sponsoring of the Richmond Civic Theatre play, and selling personal labels and stationery.

The rummage sale was our first try at this and proved very successful, clearing over $100.00, and in the future we are planning others. The Richmond Civic Theatre play, "Abie's Irish Rose," was brought to our community under our sponsorship and gave us a very enjoyable evening as well as a profitable one.

Again this year our chapter, with Mrs. Ina Hines as chairman, had charge of the sale of tuberculosis seals. To date we have received $455.81, the largest amount that has ever been donated from this township.

One of our members, Miss Betty Wiseman, has served as chairman of the women's division for the sale of War Bonds and Stamps in this township. Many of the other members have worked for this project too.

We have made our usual donations to the Red Cross and Tuberculosis Association, purchased tickets for the Sunday afternoon Symphony concerts for servicemen, and we are sponsoring a Brownie Girl Scout troop.

Our chapter is a member of the Hoosier Art Salon.

This year each member donated a Christmas gift package, valued from $1.00 to $1.50, containing personal gifts, to the Red Cross which later was sent to the soldiers in the hospital at Camp Atterbury.

Our new members served us a lovely picnic dinner at the local park and then we were entertained with games for the rest of the evening.

Our formal initiation was in August at the Christian Church at Milton. A dinner was served, followed by the formal service for our five new members.

A turkey dinner was served at the Christmas party and then we all went to the recreation room at our public library and heard Christmas poems and a story given by a lady from Cambridge City. Our usual exchange followed and our Big Sisters were revealed, and names were drawn for the coming year.

BETA ETA CHAPTER

Centerville, Indiana

President	Mrs. Duane Abel
Vice President	Martha McConaha
Secretary	Mrs. Louis Bond
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Wayne Duff
Treasurer	Ruby Fender

New Members: Mrs. Crawford Berry, Mrs. Paul Halley, Mrs. F. Wayne Stidham.

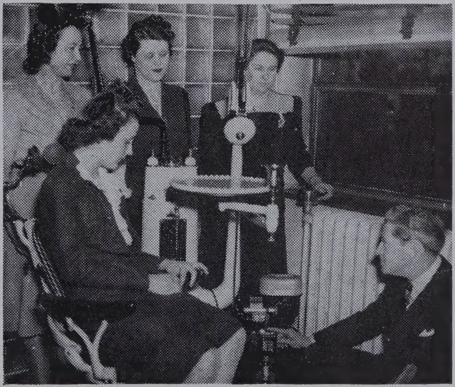
Marriages: Erpha George to Paul Hamilton; Audrey Schroy to Sgt. Troy Palmer, Jr.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ahl, a daughter, Clarissa Ann; to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Melvin, a son, Michael; to Mr. and Mrs. Garth Sheffer, a daughter, Joyce Elaine; to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bradrick, a daughter, Linda Kay; to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams, a daughter, Diane; to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pilgrim, a daughter, Shirley Ann.

While aiding the war effort has come first with Beta Eta Chapter this year, nevertheless we have tried to carry on the work of the sorority in the community much the same as in former years.

In addition to serving milk lunches to undernourished school children, which has always been our main charity project, we have sponsored two Girl Scout troops, have made donations to the Tuberculosis Association, the Red Cross, high school band fund, and helped with the expenses of a boy from our town who attended the speech clinic at Bloomington last summer.

The money for our charity projects has come from a Tag Day, food stands at our county Horse Show, and a local Air Show, selling advertising for the 4-H Fair, selling chances on a War Bond, and a rummage sale. Our money-making



Presentation of compressor to the Roberts School for Crippled Children by Delta Beta of Indianapolis. From left to right, student in the school, one of the teachers, Dortha Ellen Kirk and Maude Siebert of Delta Beta and Dr. Lennard.

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10. Vivian Murphy, Waynetown.
11. Mrs. Russell I. Richardson, Lebanon.
12. Mrs. Carll Craig, Thorntown.
13. Mrs. John Shelburne, Zionsville.
14. Mrs. Duane Abel, Centerville.
15. Mrs. Martin Lane, New Castle.
16. Mrs. Thomas A. Nicholson, Hagerstown.
17. Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Muncie, Alpha.

projects have been unusually successful this year.

Outstanding among our social events was our "husbands" party in November. It was the first party of its kind for Beta Eta. The husbands seemed to have a grand time and expressed the hope that it would be a yearly event. Other parties have included an anniversary party, musicale, travelogue, hobby night, art appreciation program, and guest party.

We were very happy that a boy from our town was chosen to attend the speech clinic at Bloomington last summer. Quite an improvement was noted in his speech when he returned.

BETA THETA CHAPTER

Eaton, Indiana

President	Mrs. Herschel Roberts
Vice President	Mrs. William Page, Sr.
Secretary	Mrs. Donald Hoover
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Carl Wesner
Treasurer	Mrs. Floyd Long

New Members: Alice LeGros, Madonna Barley, Mrs. Noble Ross, Janette Addington, Bettyanne Hilty, Margaret Zigler, Mrs. William Page.

Marriages: Elaine Brinson to William L. Page, Jr., August 9, 1943.

Births: To Ensign and Mrs. Robert Wallace, a girl, Mary Frances, Aug. 12, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Hoy, a son, John Philip, Sept. 4, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Burton Page, a son, Gary Scott, Nov. 25, 1943; to Pvt. and Mrs. Leroy Page, a son, Larry Allan, Oct. 13, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Elliott, a son, William Edward, Feb. 2, 1943.

In honor of senior girls of the Eaton High School, Beta Theta entertained with a Mexican supper at the home of Mrs. William Page. Seven girls were chosen for new members.

As in the past years, we gave an award to the most outstanding senior girl and boy.

The girls gave Eaton a real show when they presented "Funzzapoppin'." A lot of talent was discovered among the girls and their husbands. The proceeds went to the Red Cross and USO. We also contributed to the Muncie Canteen. We purchased a War Bond and sold Stamps at our meetings. Our two rummage sales were very successful.

Our charity work here at home didn't amount to very much, as it wasn't needed, for which of course we are thankful. A meal ticket for a school child and a contribution to the Eastern Star for cheer baskets at Christmas time were about all.

A picnic at the home of Eunice Hoy was planned for the pledges who came dressed as babies. They entertained us and while we had a grand picnic, we made them eat strained baby food and drink milk from a bottle. Candle-lighted initiation service was held at the home of Lucille Shook.

In August we had a picnic with Delta Epsilon, associate chapter of Muncie, as our guests.

In November we entertained at a dessert bridge for prospective members.

We were very sorry when some of our members found it necessary to go inactive this year and to lose some members to other chapters. Lottie Vickers and Mary Van Skyock went to Delta Epsilon, associate chapter at Muncie, and Marjorie Mann to Gamma Alpha Chapter at Portland.

BETA IOTA CHAPTER

Farmland, Indiana

President	Mrs. James L. Wright
Vice President	Mrs. Glen Pursley
Secretary	Mrs. George Flood
Cor. Secy.	Virginia Helen Brooks
Treasurer	Mrs. John Geise

New Members: Mrs. Richard Slaughter, Mrs. Hortense Henderson, Katherine Alexander, Mrs. Robert Sites.

Marriages: Mary Ellen Alexander to Edward Talley.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gordon, a daughter, Helen Ann; to Mr. and Mrs. Myron Cook, a son, Lawrence Lee.

Beta Iota started its year of endeavor by depleting its not too large bank account, much as the national organization, by aiding in the purchase of a piano for Ft. Benjamin Harrison. We hope that it has provided many happy hours for our service men.

A carnival took over the town during the Labor Day week and after much energy had been expended, we managed to erect a tent at which we sold Coca-Cola, not too many however, for Old Man Weather was against us. We declared the week "Victory Week" and sold tags, the proceeds to go to the Randolph County Canteen and the USO. Our booth also sold War Stamps and Bonds to the tune of over $2,000 worth.

Of course, the USO was in the transition stage and soon became known as the United War Fund. Our chapter was responsible for the United War Fund drive in Farmland and surrounding country, collecting a considerable sum.

We had the grand ambition of presenting a play but have you really noticed the lack of men? Well, we certainly found out about it, much to our sorrow, and have postponed the event for the duration.

Rummage, the word should be in capital letters. Yes, we had a rummage sale and were very well pleased with the results. However, we warn you it isn't an easy job.

Old Man Flu rather put a damper on our Christmas party but each member was assessed the amount of our usual Christmas exchange and the Randolph County Canteen reaped the benefit.

We do hope that other chapters have not had such a time retaining their officers as we have, what with the members following their husbands, joining the armed services, and so on.

Here's hoping that everything will be back to normal after this Victory Year of 1944.

ALPHA PHI CHAPTER

Fortville, Indiana

President	Mrs. Ivan Heche
Vice President	Jane Crouch
Secretary	Mrs. Claude Thomas
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Wilford Hiday
Treasurer	Mrs. Paul Lacy

New Members: Mrs. Ross Morris, Mrs. John F. Wilkinson, Ruthanna Torrence, Mrs. Joe Renner.

Marriages: Charlotte Davis to Kenneth Mitchell; Harriet Rafert to Abraham Cooper.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock, a daughter, Sandra Kay; to Mr. and Mrs. David Thomas, a daughter, Madeline Lee; to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fuqua, a daughter, Brenda Louise; to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Selin, a daughter, Nancy Louise.

Hi there, members. Once again it's time for Helicon and Fortville has had the same thing in mind this year as every other Psi Ote chapter — hoping to "keep 'em flying" and ever remembering "Pearl Harbor."

We feel we are well represented in war work — one member is chairman of Red Cross in Vernon Township and another is chairman of our blood bank unit. Our girls have tried to coöperate by preparing 17,100 bandages, knitting, sewing, acting as blood donors and co-workers at the blood bank.

We made the usual contribution to the Hoosier Salon, donated to the infantile paralysis fund, kit bag fund, each member purchased tuberculosis seals, and our chapter purchased Indianapolis Symphony tickets, which we donated to boys in service.

We have several girls who have husbands in the armed forces. Due to this, we regret we have lost some members who have joined their husbands. We are buying War Bonds, as is everyone, and at our social meetings, each member brings a 10c War Stamp or is fined 25c.

We are proud to say we are sponsoring our Girl Scout troop.

To make money, Alpha Phi is divided into groups, each one compelled to turn in a certain amount, one group having given a successful card party.

Our president, Virginia Heche, and Catherine Everitt did a charitable deed by canning tomatoes for a needy couple. Catherine also deserves credit as a Nurse's Aide, as she finished her Home Nursing course and now has completed 250 hours at the hospital. She has helped many families in town during their sickness.

While speaking of charity, Alpha Phi has distributed baskets of food to many homes this year.

Are you wondering if we have eliminated social events during 1943? No, we have tried to have fun along with our work, as:

October — Our Hallowe'en party with loads of fun.

November — Pledge party for four girls, followed by bridge.

December — Lots of food at a pitch-in. Fun playing games, singing carols, and last — visit by Old Santa. Everyone had a grand evening.

January — Initiation for our four pledges, enjoying a dinner at the Marott Hotel.

February — A big time is anticipated as we entertain the senior girls.

March — Book review.

April — Mother's party.

Au revoir, girls. Let's hope 1945 Helicon spells "VICTORY."

BETA TAU CHAPTER

Frankfort, Indiana

President	Martha Finney
Vice President	Mrs. Ben Wainwright
Secretary	Mrs. Milton Erdel
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Pierre Douglass
Treasurer	Mrs. Everette Holst

New Members: Margaret Hyman, Mrs. Ray Farling, Mary Nelson, Esther McKinsey.

Engagements: Esther McKinsey to Cletus Sims.

Marriages: Marion Roach to Richey Sims; Helen Aughe to James McMurtry.

Births: Janice Young, a girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Young.

AS A YEAR GOES BY

Characters: Mrs. Psi Ote, Miss Beta Tau, Mrs. Associate Member.

Place: Farmers' Bank, Frankfort, Indiana.

Time: The present.

ACT I

At the rise of the curtain Mrs. Psi Ote and Miss Beta Tau are conversing generally on sorority problems.

Mrs. Psi Ote: "I hear one of our associate members is back in town and will be at tonight's meeting."

Miss Beta Tau: "Well, here she comes now!"

(Enter Mrs. Associate Member)

Mrs. Associate Member: "Hello, girls! It's grand to be back. Tell me, what have you been doing this year?"

Mrs. Psi Ote: "It's good to see you! First of all, you surely knew that Isabelle was elected Grand President in June. Convention at Indianapolis with Rushville as hostess."

Miss Beta Tau: "What we have worked hardest for was the purchase of the piano for the boys at Camp Atterbury."

Mrs. Associate Member: "Sounds fine! But how did you raise the money?"

Mrs. Psi Ote: "You should have seen Bess Longfellow and her committee working! Our rummage sale netted $75. That was followed by our benefit bridge party which we felt was very well attended."

Mrs. Associate Member: "One of the girls wrote about a home talent play that Beta Tau so successfully staged."

Miss Beta Tau: "That was our leading project and we are mighty proud of it. All the women characters in the cast were taken by Psi Otes and several of the husbands appeared in it. 'Adam's Evening' was given to an appreciative and large audience."

Mrs. Psi Ote: "The play earned us $223.27 and gave us lots of fun."

Miss Beta Tau: "Helen Erdel, Bertha Robertson, Louise Hedgecock, Florence Orem, Desta Strain, and Bess Longfellow very graciously opened their homes for special social functions."

Mrs. Associate Member: "I suppose your defense committee has been unusually busy this winter?"

Mrs. Psi Ote: "Oh yes, we have bought Bonds, worked at Red Cross and donated to many charitable funds. Our charity committee has enjoyed collecting remembrances for our service men "adoptees."

Mrs. Associate Member: "I think Beta Tau has had a splendid year. You have made me proud to be a Psi Ote."

(Curtain Falls)

UPSILON CHAPTER

Greenfield, Indiana

President	Mary Ellen Watson
Vice President	Mary Martha Murphy
Secretary	Helen Eggleston
Cor. Secy.	Edna Crowell
Treasurer	Millie Ellen Phelps

New Members: Mrs. David Shipley; Alice Jeanne Boots, Mildred Hawkins, Barbara Walker, Myriam Davis, Mrs. E. T. Boyer, Mrs. Charles R. Jackson, Mrs. Lester Dailey.

Engagements: Mary Ella Binford to Richard Spencer.

Marriages: Helen Newman to Cpl. Paul Bussell; Julia Alice Crider to Robert Calhoun; Bessie Dickman to Sgt. Robert J. Quillman; Marie Dornfeld to John N. Adams; Mary Martha Sharp to Pfc. E. Curtis Murphy; Betty Lou Fields to Pfc. Robert A. Shively; Alice Ault to Sgt. Charles F. Gates.

UPSILON'S DOIN'S

(With apologies to our own James Whitcomb Riley)

Did you ever stop to take stock, when your
Fiscal year is o'er,
And feel a sense of shock, that you
Hadn't done more?

'Tis true, we've helped "the poor and needy ones,
Who cluster all about,"
And done our share of war work, and put
All our tin cans out.
And oft' times did without the wieners
In our sauerkraut.
Cause we's skeered the Japs 'ud git us,
Ef we didn't watch out!
But, heck, lots of other folks have done as much,
So that's a hollow glory to which to clutch.

We've been a-sittin' and a-knittin' afghans
By the score.
Why, we even donated some of our husbands
To the war!
Saved all our waste fats and grease,
To be used for the army and lend-lease.
Then thinking we had done our best,
We leaned back on our laurels to rest.

But we were soon made to realize,
That unless more supplies materialized,
There was a possibility the Japs MIGHT get us!
So we took some of our hard earned "lettuce"
And bought more War Bonds
To insure our Joes and Johns
Needed ships and tanks and planes,
And lots and lots of other things!

So I guess we needn't feel so sad,
For we did the best we could
With the time that we had.
It may not have been good,
But still it wasn't bad.

And if I would really get down to brass tacks,
I could probably unearth some other facts
That would do us proud.

Things like having the Central Province Chairman
A member of our crowd.

Clara Stanley is her name,
And the way she plays the game,
We predict it will be her fate,
To become one of Grand Council's great!

And when we opened up our purse
To donate funds for a County Nurse,
We little dreamed her name would be found
On Upsilon's membership roll as "Toddy Brown."
The work she has accomplished has been a gigantic feat,
In view of the fact that she's so petité.

Three of our girls have been regular workers at Red Cross
So, of course, they always got to be boss
When we rolled those little bandages, with all their disadvantages.
They held titles of Sorters, Shippers and Packers,
While the rest of us were just their ardent backers,
For fear of being called slackers.

We've sponsored a Brownie Girl Scout troop,
Whose leader, Alice Dolfuss, belongs to our group.
We've also practiced the Golden Rule
By sending milk to the East Greenfield School.
We probably should have sent along with it some gruel,
For life to some of these little kids has been pretty cruel.

We took in eight new members in '43,
A splendid addition to our family tree!
If you don't believe it, just you wait and see
The work they'll put out for "we and thee"!

One of our parties, we must confess,
Sounds just a wee bit grotesque,
For our annual May breakfast, I swear,
Turned into a seven o'clock dinner affair,
So that none of our war working members
Need lose any precious time to be attenders.

Our rummage sales have been their usual success,
Putting money in the bank with the least duress
Of anything we ever do.
But, of course, 'tis true,
A lot of credit is due
Dora Pernice, Helen Arnold and Bess New.

In the cultural line
We had something fine.
Perry Davis, a student at John Herron,
And the son of a charter member
Made us his ardent admirers from there on,
When he talked to us in December.
After viewing an exhibit of his
Portraits, sceneries and stills,
We are sure he is "stuffed to the gills"
With a talent that will bring him great fame
Even if he winds up in the advertising game.

I guess, after all, this year's work
Hasn't been so bum!
We'll wager it's as good as most,
And a darned sight better than some!

ALPHA CHI CHAPTER

Hagerstown, Indiana

President	Marion Nicholson
Vice President	Mary Alice Armstrong
Secretary	Mary Lou Baker
Cor. Secy.	Eloise McKinnon
Treasurer	Martha Hagen

New Members: Marguerite Lacy, Marjorie Martin, Katherine Merrill.

Pledges: Josephine Falck, Mary Ellen Seffrin, Fredia Aders, Jean Wichterman, Thelma Bland, Sara Hoffman, Judith Bookout, Katherine Hoover, Evelyn Worl.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Murray, a son, Christofer Hartley; to Mr. and Mrs. Voyle Allen, a son, Donald Clair; to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cook, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann; to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Effmann, a daughter, Elsa; to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Lacy, a son Gregg Farnsworth; to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wichterman, a son, Christian Merritt; to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Atkinson, a daughter, Rebecca Diane.

The past year for Alpha Chi has been a very busy one, yet we have managed to crowd in some fun along with our work. Under the able leadership of our president, we have been working on many interesting projects and have enjoyed our social activities. There was a musicale, an entertaining evening with the Girl Scouts, a Christmas party and we are looking forward to a Heart-y party for husbands, a formal tea for our new members and several other social meetings.

We had a very successful rummage sale, and with our monthly movie have been able to further our war efforts. We have purchased two $100 Bonds and one $25 Bond, donated to the tuberculosis fund, infantile paralysis fund, Red Cross and Victory Fund. Approximately two thousand bottles of milk, per month, have been served to the children of the grade school, and seventeen Christmas baskets were delivered this year.

Through the facilities of Red Cross, Alpha Chi furnished a sun room at Camp Atterbury. We sent a davenport, rug, end table, three chairs, and two lamps. The chapter has also sent bingo prizes. At each meeting the members are requested to bring one gift, which with our membership amounts to thirty gifts. These are sent to Camp Atterbury once a month, and have been greatly appreciated by Red Cross as well as by the boys at camp. Since junk jewelry is so popular with the natives of the South Pacific isles, Alpha Chi decided to start a collecting campaign of this jewelry. It has been very successful and we hope the boys in the South Pacific are able to use these items to a good advantage. Also this year we took over the handling of the Township Tuberculosis Christmas Seal drive. We formed a committee, which took care of the mailing and handling of the money received from the different subscribers. This is a new project and we feel a very worthwhile one for us to handle. Mrs. Donald Teetor, member of State Purchasing Committee for Camp and Hospital Council, and one of our members, has been very helpful in telling us of the needs of different camps and what we could do to be of the most service. All members have been very busy with surgical dressings, canteen work and other war work.

Barbara Stonecipher, our only WAC, has been promoted from a second lieutenant to first lieutenant. She is now located at Fort Eustis in Virginia and is enjoying her work very much.

We have been trying to do our part for Victory and will continue to do so until Victory is ours.

DELTA CHAPTER

Indianapolis, Indiana

President	Mrs. Garland Retherford
Vice President	Mrs. Dwight Brill
Secretary	Mrs. Fred A. Kiser
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Robert Seward
Treasurer	Mrs. James Carr

New Members: Mrs. B. J. Carmack, affiliated from New Castle; Mrs. R. R. Powell, affiliated from Greensburg.

Pledges: Mrs. Harold Chloupek, Mary Glenn, Mrs. Shockley Lockridge, Mrs. Robert McDermond, June Sink.

Births: To Lieut. and Mrs. Doyle A. Pierce, a daughter, Judith Ann, September 29, 1943. Lieut. Pierce is in the medical corps and has been overseas since early last summer.

Delta Chapter is having a very happy, prosperous year!

Being a little on the superstitious side, though, we'll knock on wood while making this remark.

The happiness is due partially to our two week meeting schedule. Last year we began meeting only once a month because of gasoline rationing, but we came to the conclusion that we couldn't bear being parted so long so we're meeting oftener by traveling on the street cars and buses and by sitting on laps three deep in the couple of cars available.

And the prosperity is due to our money-making project, an agency for the Household Paper Products firm in Detroit, Michigan. We sell paper products of all kinds and also novelty products which they handle. It is our only project this year so we really concentrate on it. Pearl Brenton has taken charge of placing orders and receiving goods for the chapter and has our hearty thanks for handling this painstaking job. We get our individual orders from her house and are responsible for delivery to our customers separately.

As for other activities we are supporting the Indianapolis Symphony with our chapter president, Margaret Retherford, as your well known Symphony chairman on Grand Council, and Mary Seward as circulation manager for the Women's Society publication "Current Notes." A number of girls also worked on the season ticket sale drive and are members of the Women's Society.

We are again supporting the Hoosier Salon as we did last year with Margaret Retherford in the star role as a lay member on the prize jury and a member of the Psi Ote selection committee.

We gave a Christmas present to the boys at Billings General Hospital of playing cards and magazine subscriptions and hope to fill more of their needs of this kind.

We staffed a downtown Bond selling booth during the Fourth War Loan drive.

And biggest of all we will be cohostesses with Delta Beta of Indianapolis for convention in June! Helen Stith of our chapter is general chairman.

We are continuing our sponsorship of our ward at Riley Hospital for children and on every holiday — in fact on every possible occasion — we remember the children with appropriate favors and candy. Betty Kiser and Helen Rahe are the committee for buying and delivering the favors.

Two affiliate members are very welcome in our chapter: Mrs. B. J. Carmack from New Castle, and Mrs. R. R. Powell from Greensburg. We also will initiate five pledges: June Sink, Mary Kay Lockridge, Mary Glenn, who is executive secretary of the Indianapolis Symphony Society, Betty Chloupek, who is a Psi Ote daughter, and Dorothy McDermond, whose husband is overseas as a Captain in the Marine Corps. Two other girls' husbands are overseas: Veda Pierce and Norma Harriss and Margaret Retherford's son is an Army Air Force cadet, as is Athalia Brill's son also.

Hope we'll be seeing you all at Convention.

DELTA BETA CHAPTER

Indianapolis, Indiana

President	Mrs. Maude Siebert
Vice President	Mrs. Pauline Wirick
Secretary	Mrs. A. T. Mace
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. W. D. Reed
Treasurer	Mrs. R. H. Brandes

New Members: Mrs. Lourett Crain, Mrs. Foster Goebells, Mrs. DeLain Hassan, Mrs. F. H. Krentler, Mrs. Charlotte Smith, Mrs. Mary Van Horn.

Marriages: Virginia Upton to S. V. Hill.

Hi, sister Psi Otes. We have certainly been busy and worked hard this past year. How about you? Many of our girls are doing war work, selling Stamps and Bonds, aiding in canteen work, rolling bandages, knitting and altering and mending soldiers' uniforms.

We purchased a $100 War Bond this year at Christmas time instead of sending baskets to the needy. The Indianapolis News was presented with a $5 check from our charity fund to be used for their "Clothe a Child" project. A $5 Tuberculosis Bond was also purchased. Last June a check of $30 was given to Warren Township School. Fifteen dollars of this was to be given to a girl graduate whom the dean of girls felt was worthy. The remaining $15 was for the purchase of canteen uniforms for the girls who were doing canteen service.

Our big project of the year was the donation of a compressor to the Roberts School for Crippled Children to be used in the dental room. The school was very much in need of this compressor and Delta Beta girls were very glad to contribute to so worthy a cause.

This year two of our girls served on the ticket committee for the sale of Symphony tickets. We purchased three tickets instead of the usual two. Delta Beta appreciates the fact that we can be represented at Symphony. We all know with transportation such as it is some of the chapters find it impossible to attend.

Two of our girls attended the preview dinner of the annual Hoosier Salon. This is a very lovely and interesting affair and well worth one's effort to attend.

Socially we are not doing quite so much as in previous years. We have had several bridge parties following our business meetings. War Stamps are usually given as prizes at these parties. Last summer we closed our meetings with a lovely party at Mary K. Roberts' home in the country. This party was such a success that we are planning another for this year. Our Christmas meeting was held at the Sun Dial tea room. We had a lovely dinner followed by a short business meeting. The evening ended with a bridge party.

We all know that in 1944-1945 we will be called on to make even more sacrifices and to give more of our time but I am sure every Psi Ote will try to do more than her part.

Since there is such a variety of war work available in our city for volunteer workers, Delta's girls are individually concerned in a great many activities. Our efforts as a group are not so impressive but we shall stick to the editor's request and report them.

Over a period of several months we manned a downtown War Bond booth and sold almost $2,000 worth of War Bonds and Stamps for the Marion County War Bond committee.

We are resuming our weekly sewing group to sew on articles for the Red Cross.

OMEGA CHAPTER

Lebanon, Indiana

President	Mrs. Russell Richardson
Vice President	Mrs. Fred Smith
Secretary	Mrs. Thomas Crane
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Robert O'Neil
Treasurer	Mary Jane Gabriel

New Members: Mrs. Norman Gill, Mrs. Harold Gentry, Mary Elizabeth Edwards, Patty Park, Mrs. Leo Richman, Mrs. Sam Thomas, Mrs. W. H. McGrew, Mrs. M. E. Gilmore, Ramona Cason, Lola Belle Tyre, Betty Wallace.

Marriages: Virginia Taylor to Robert Tribbett; Sue Ulen to Ben Shera; Doris Chambers to Thomas Crane; Hortense Smith to Leo Richman; Carolyn Waters to Walter Hackman; Anna Jean West to William Walker.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Buren Crane, a son, John Bryant; to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Winter, a son, Terry William; to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Melody, a daughter, Patricia Louisa.

"The charities that soothe, and heal, and bless, lie scattered at the feet of men like flowers." — Wordsworth.

Charity — Although the war has been uppermost in our minds, Omega Chapter has continued its local charity work. An annual dental clinic has always been a major charitable activity of Omega Chapter, and in 1943 this work was started in November. All grade school children were examined, and the necessary work was done by the sorority for children unable to have the work done themselves.

Other charitable activities during the year included the following contributions: Cancer Fund, $10.00; Juvenile Delinquency Fund, $50.00; Boy Scouts, $10.00; Red Cross War Fund, $75.00; Tuberculosis Health Bond, $10.00; Girl Scouts, $10.00; and a boy sent to Boys State in the Summer.

War — Our war activities greatly increased during the year. "All Out" is the country's slogan, and Omega is no exception. Fourteen of our members graduated as nurses' aides, and are now assisting at the local hospital. Three more girls will soon complete the course. All of the aides in Lebanon were trained by a loyal member of our chapter.

Twenty Navy kit bags were filled for the local Red Cross, with the members donating part of the contents. Small collections were taken at each meeting for the purchase of Bonds. Sufficient funds were raised to purchase a $100 Bond.

All war drives were vigorously supported by all of our members. Knitting, surgical dressings, and any Red Cross work needed, were supported, and continue to have our support.

Art — Even in war time, art and literature should continue to play an important part in our lives. We contributed to Hoosier Salon Association, and supported the Indianapolis Symphony.

We added twenty-five new books to our book shelves in 1943. We endeavor at all times to keep abreast of contemporary literature. Our Summer reading program for children was gratifyingly successful. Twelve children completed the course last summer, and received books as prizes.

Projects — Financial support for all activities was obtained through various money-making projects.

Our Quarter Plan sales project showed a profit of $211.20. Our annual spring dance — the big affair of the year — cleared nearly two hundred dollars. The profit from the sales of magazines and stationery throughout the year helped to keep our budget healthy.

In the offing — we have plans completed for a used toy and clothing sale, followed with a food sale just before Easter in total disregard for ration coupons.

Social — During the past year we held two initiations and were very happy to initiate eleven new members. We were sorry to lose Cecelia Zissis who has moved to Lafayette where she is affiliated with Delta Zeta.

All work and no play applies to Psi Otes as well as to Jack. We held one social meeting a month, but held expenses low and fellowship high. Our Christmas party was especially festive with an exchange of gifts and musical entertainment furnished by the "Rainbowettes" — a group of high school girls. Inspection was conducted by three Omegas due to the inability of Central Province chairman to walk to Lebanon.

We hope that when another Helicon letter is written, peace will reign through-out the world. May we all strive for that attainment.

"When faith and hope fail, as they do
sometimes,
We must try charity, which is love in
action.
We must speculate no more on our
duty, but simply do it,
When we have done it, however
blindly,
Perhaps heaven will show us why."
— Mulock.

BETA UPSILON CHAPTER

Mount Vernon, Ohio

President .... Mrs. Charles M. Zelkowitz
Vice President .... Marjorie Dowds
Secretary .... Mrs. Neal W. Olson
Cor. Secy. .... Jean Hall
Treasurer .... Mrs. John C. Claypool

New Members: Marcia Hall, Grace Hepler, Mary White.

Engagements: Jean Hall to Lt. Paul E. Dean.

Upon looking over our activities for the past year, we find they have been connected mainly with the war effort. We are proud to say our chapter has been credited with $25,000 worth of War Stamps and Bonds, and that we have put in 1,619 hours of war work.

As reported last year, Mrs. George Culbertson is still in charge of production of surgical dressings of the Red Cross, and Mrs. Earl O'Bryan is in her second year as chairman of the War Savings Committee of the Women's Division of Knox County.

The blood bank unit has been to Mount Vernon several times recently. Some of our members have done volunteer work for this unit, and several have given blood — two women have given blood three times.

We have two members who are helping out in the nurse shortage as Nurses' Aides. Too, we find upon taking count that eleven of our husbands and sons are in the service of our country.

For the past year there have been soldiers stationed at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, near Mount Vernon. Consequently, a USO was set up. Mrs. George Culbertson was in charge of decorating and obtaining furniture for the lounge. Seven of our members take part in the USO activities as senior and junior hostesses, and as members of the directing board. In another capacity we have assisted the USO by serving refreshments twice for their Saturday night dances.

In spite of everything we made a success of our rummage sale. Somehow or other we dug out enough clothes and articles to make $220.00.

In helping to make others happy we have done several things: the donation of Christmas presents to the children at the County Children's Home, the presentation of a Christmas program by our pledges at the Salvation Army party, and the donation of tickets to the Community Music Concerts for the Home for the Aged. Also, we carried on our speech and hearing work by taking children to Columbus for examinations.

Our main social events of the year were a picnic and a costume party, the latter being a "ration party" in order to get more tax stamps. We collected lots of stamps and a "wonderful time was had by all"!

ALPHA CHAPTER

Muncie, Indiana

President	Mrs. John Edgar Johnson, Jr.
Vice President	Mrs. Walter Leffler
Secretary	Mary Kibele
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Abbott L. Johnson
Treasurer	Mrs. John Oesterle

New Members: Lucina Ball Ekerson, Becky Schuster Pfeiffer, Lydia Oesterle Minnett, Willa Kemper, Dorothy Kennedy.

Pledges: Betty Hanson, Ann Crapo, Suzanne Gantner, Dorothy Spurgeon.

Engagements: Nancy Ann Moore to Lt. Everett H. Krueger.

Marriages: Adele Smith, Mrs. James Wingate; Janet Kirshman, Mrs. George Pfleger; Betty Crapo, Mrs. William Horton.

Births: To Lucina Ball Ekerson, a daughter, Ann Ekerson; to Ouri Poyle, a son, John Poyle, Jr.; to Mary Evelyn Maxon, a daughter, Mary Evelyn Maxon; to Janies Ball Fisher, a son, Richard John Fisher; to Mary Lou Kasson, a son, James Kasson; to Becky Pfieffer, a son, Craig Emerson Pfeiffer.

A busy year for Alpha began last fall with our Founders' Day dinner, planned and enjoyed by both Alpha and Delta Upsilon chapters.

Plans were begun in the summer to swell our charity fund by having both an auction and a thrift rummage sale. Contributions of many outside friends and our own large membership helped to make both sales a great sucess. Tickets were sold also for three book talks given by Mrs. Harry Hogan, and the Riley dolls of Mildred Davis of Upsilon Chapter were sold at the November meeting to our members. May I add here that we sincerely appreciate the grand percentage given us by Mildred Davis, which helped our fund, and also the return to us of the money paid to Mrs. Hogan as a gift to our charities.

The proceeds of our projects, amounting to over $1000.00, have been used by our philanthropy committee, to provide tonsillectomies for school children and to pay expenses for two small boys sent to the I. U. speech and hearing camp; by the Day Nursery, to help with the increased operating expense; and to continue our Emma Cammack Scholarship to Ball State Teachers College.

In the fall we purchased two season tickets to the Indianapolis Symphony, and whenever it has been possible they have been used by service men stationed at the college. We have also continued our Patron's membership to the Hoosier Salon, in which we have a special interest as the Salon is usually shown here each spring at the College Art Galleries through the auspices of the Muncie Art Association.

Last summer we invited three young girls to join our younger pledge group which started its own meetings last summer when the college members were at home. We are also happy to announce the initiation of five new members, one of whom is Lydia Oesterle Minnett, the daughter of a charter member, Mrs. Mayme Johnson Oesterle.

Aside from our own charity work we have tried to do our share in contributing to the community and national war-time needs, giving $150.00 to the United War Fund and $75.00 to the Red Cross.

Needless to say nearly all of our members are giving a great deal of time in

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WAC Detachment, Camp Shanks, New York.
Member of Eaton chapter.

service to the Red Cross, in which several hold official positions. Many of us are giving volunteer help at Ball Memorial Hospital, and also to the Day Nursery where war-time attendance is high and extra hands are needed.

Although secondary in importance these days when war work claims every spare hour, our dinner meetings, the Christmas tea and the picnic are still events to which we all look forward. Then business is combined with the pleasure of working together in keeping alive the traditions of Psi Iota Xi.

DELTA EPSILON CHAPTER

Muncie, Indiana

President	Mrs. William Hickman
Vice President	Mrs. Ralph Lerch
Secretary	Mrs. Roy Ward
Cor. Secy	Mrs. Ralph Lerch
Treasurer	Martha Ehrhart

New Members: Mrs. Rolland R. Van Skyock (affiliated from Beta Theta), Mrs. Harry Vickers (affiliated from Beta Theta).

Marriages: Claudine Mounsey (affiliated from Bluffton) to Jesse Sipe.

Dear Helicon Readers:

Will every one of you please be sure to read our letter for we need the help of every chapter to keep us from "giving up the ghost" and turning in our charter. We don't know how in the world to contact any Psi Otes coming into town, and in the six years that we have been organized there have been very few letters written to us recommending girls who have come to Muncie to live. At the present time we have again lost three members, which practically puts our membership back on the rocks again with only eleven girls. Please help us out if you possibly can.

Alpha Chapter again asked us to join them in their Founder's Day dinner at the country club. It was at this meeting that our president, Alice Hickman, presented them with a check for $25.00 to be used for toys for the Day Nursery. The money was spent on some educational toys which were needed badly. The party was indeed a lovely one and the girls enjoyed being able to meet with the members of Alpha again.

At Christmas time we purchased bubble pipes for the children at Wilson Kindergarten. Our Christmas party was a dinner at a country home. Due to much illness several could not attend but the rest of the chapter reported a fine time.

This year our Symphony ticket was given for use to a service man.

Various members have worked at the Red Cross during the past year in different capacities such as: making bandages, giving blood, doing staff assistants' work, etc. We hope to be able to do more during the coming year.

We are most happy to have two members with us from the Eaton Chapter, Mary Van Skyock and Lotte Vickers.

If you can send any prospective members rolling our way, we will be very, very happy.

THETA CHAPTER

New Castle, Indiana

President	Mrs. Martin Lane
Vice President	Mrs. Rex Fegley
Secretary	Mrs. Alfred S. Milner
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. James T. Steele
Treasurer	Mrs. G. Robert Hamilton

New Members: Betty Lou Cashner, Virginia Lee Carmack, Mrs. B. M. Webb (affiliated from Washington), Mrs. Myron Mills, Mrs. Macy O. Teetor, Mrs. Charles W. Jennings, Dorothy Septer, Mrs. William Bowen.

Pledges: Elizabeth Harrington, Mrs. Jack Feddersen.

Marriages: Betty Lou Steele to Herbert Mycroft, Jr.; Merrilee Olehy to Bernard Shaul.

Births: To Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Robert Nixon Jennings, a son, Walter Pickering, April 15, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Trainor, a son, Paul Raymond, August 29, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bradway, a daughter, Julia Dee, December 13, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Lesta Hayes, a daughter, Susan Jane, March 19, 1943; to Lt. and Mrs. Warren Askin, a daughter, Pamela Kay, March 16, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mycroft, Jr., a daughter, Helen Elizabeth, Dec. 4, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hammer, a daughter, Celia Woodbury, Jan. 27, 1944; to Lt. and Mrs. Henry Jennings, a daughter, Lisa Ann, Oct. 25, 1943.

Theta Chapter presented a Dodge four-door sedan to the Henry County chapter of the American Red Cross in February, 1943. This car has been used in all phases of Red Cross work — providing transportation to and from the hospital for Nurses' Aides, transportation for first aid instructors, delivering surgical dressings throughout the county, camp and hospital home service investigations, etc. Mr. W. C. Nicholson, manager of the local Coca-Cola bottling works and also president of the Henry County chapter of the American Red Cross paid for the cost of having the car painted.

We have also made the following contributions: Henry County Hospital (furnishing a room in the new wing), $225.00; United War and Community Fund, $75.00; Henry County Tuberculosis Association,

$5.00; paid for two maple trees to be planted along the drive at the hospital.

Two associate members, Mrs. Charles W. Jennings and Mrs. Macy O. Teetor, women of outstanding civic, social and intellectual accomplishment, were initiated at our opening meeting following a dinner at the YMCA. Margaret Lane, president, in her most charming manner, made the initiation a beautiful and impressive service.

Mrs. Olive Enslen Tinder is giving another series of book reviews this year, sponsored by Theta Chapter. We made $102 on a rummage sale in October, will have another rummage sale in April, and are now making plans for a food sale to be held in the very near future.

We had a Harvest Moon party in October, a Thanksgiving party at which our husbands and other guests were entertained; the annual Christmas banquet; New Year's Eve ball and a clever "hard times" party in January. Our program for the year also includes a Valentine bridge party, a musicale, spring party and Mother's Day party.

Elizabeth Anne Field, our president for the year 1942-43, has resigned her position with the American Security Company to take up Cadet Nursing.

Psi Iota Xi sponsored the bond sale during the Fourth War Loan drive at the Castle Theatre. The girl selling the largest amount of bonds was given a three months' pass to the show.

A board of directors for the Nutrition Camp was elected last fall as follows: Margaret Poole, Madeline Jennings, Eleanor Fleming, Betty Stout, Margaret Lane and Elizabeth Anne Field. Mary Ritter will be the general chairman for the camp this summer. In the way of improvement this year, we plan to put linoleum on the floor of the camp building before the 1944 season opens.

If any Psi Otes from over the state should come to New Castle this summer we shall be glad indeed to have them call at our Nutrition Camp to inspect it. We are looking forward to a very interesting camp period in 1944.

GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER

Portland, Indiana

President	Mrs. Wayne Hinkle
Vice President	Ruth Wyrick
Secretary	Mrs. Otis Wood
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Keith Wehrly
Treasurer	Mrs. Luther Hammitt

New Members: Mrs. Albert Abromson, Mary Jane Dollins, Mrs. Wanda Hildreth, Garnet Ginn, Marjorie Mann, Sarah Marchant, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Kenneth Peterson, Mrs. Leon Reitenour, Ruth Ann Smiley, Roberta Rinker, Mrs. Paul Todd.

Pledges: Gloria Ann Brown, Virginia Noll, Ethelyn Norris.

Births: Margie Sue, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Heston, June, 1943; Don Mangas Peterson, son of Mrs. Lucretia Peterson, born Dec. 7, 1943.

Another year of Psi-otivity finds Gamma Alpha a more alert, serious and progressive chapter.

Under the leadership of a very busy and capable president, Mrs. Marguerite Hinkle, our charity work has increased, our social activities have become simpler and friendlier, and our war work has been intense and productive.

Social activities in a "War World" have found us a closer, more intimate group. This last year has made changes in our chapter — several girls have gone with their husbands to different army camps; others have moved away permanently; we have added eleven new members and have three lovely pledges — still we find ourselves more appreciative of friends; more sensitive to their joys, hopes and sorrows. Our gatherings have a more vital, intimate note.

Our social year started with initiation services and a tea at the home of our sponsor, Mrs. Edna Saxman.

Our usual formal spring banquet and installation of officers turned into a cozy pot-luck supper and book review — also at the home of our sponsor.

May gave us an opportunity to give a lovely tea to all senior high school girls, who otherwise were clipped of the usual graduation finery.

July and a wiener roast at a local park was a means of contact during vacation days.

Our Halloween party was a gay spooky affair at our local country club. Although the lunch was meager, the fun and good-feeling were great. The slightly illuminated cemetery disclosed a tombstone for each member with a humorous epitaph. For example, our president, Marguerite Hinkle, read this on her stone:

> "Marguerite has gone above,
> Married Wayne — too much love."

A fall party for pledges was an informal home party.

Our Christmas party was cheery and only a 25c gift exchange was had among the members since our usual Christmas money went to buy gifts for our soldiers.

Charity activities have been inspired to more careful planning. War work in our community has made family charity almost a thing of the past. Our work has been more universal. Psi Otes have been more than well represented in all local drives, Red Cross, salvage, tuberculosis, War Bond, etc. They have served faithfully on ration boards and have done volunteer work in ration offices.

The Camp Fire Girls have had considerable support from Psi Ote. Their vice president is a Psi Ote; we helped with their Christmas holly sale; furnished cars for transportation to summer camps; and they have four Psi Ote guardians, and four Psi Ote representatives.

We have donated $100 to the Red Cross; $25 to the tuberculosis fund; $25 to the Salvation Army; $25 to the infantile paralysis fund; $5 to the Boy Scouts; $5 to the Camp Fire Girls and $5.40 to the Cub Scouts.

We have raised most of our money for charity by selling chances on War Bonds, sponsoring dances, rummage sales and our big project of the year, a concession at our annual county fair.

Personal — Gamma Alpha would like to present a couple of orchids to two of her own members.

One to our president, Mrs. Marguerite Hinkle. She is a very fine lawyer and at the present time our prosecuting attorney. Her husband, Wayne, is also a lawyer and is now in the army.

The other we would like to present to our patroness, Mrs. Edna Saxman. She is a very fine poetess and a capable member of our local school board. She is never too busy to advise us and her home is always open to any Psi Iota Xi activity.

ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER

Richmond, Indiana

President	Martha Joiner
Vice President	Jean Porterfield
Secretary	Mary Carolyn Kinyon
Cor. Secy.	Margaret Bayer
Treasurer	Madeleine Nicholson

New Members: Carolyn Gay, Mrs. Robert Hudson, Mary Jane McCauley, Martha Rohe, Lois Swihart, Barbara Chenoweth, Nancy Coffin, Carolyn Commons, Marilyn Ferling, Delores Fuller, Barbara Hodapp, Jacqueline Jessup, Frances McGuire, Margery Quigg, Virginia Starr, Patty Toler, Marilyn Tripp, Nancy Williams, Mrs. Robert Hoyt, Mrs. O. T. Perkinson, Frances Hunt, Joan Stahr.

Engagements: Jane Ellen Werking to Corporal Richard Terwilliger; Mary Jane Frame to Robert Wiechman.

Marriages: Jane Martin to Lt. J. R. Witherby; Virginia Carr to Warren Thomas; Martha Mueller to John Davison; Mary Alice Smyser to Gene Walker; Margaret Johnson to John Bayer; Rebecca Stuck to Robert Hoyt.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. James Phelps, a son, James Michael; to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gennet, a daughter, Sara; to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Roller, a son, Robert Allen; to Lt. and Mrs. Charles McNaughton, a son, John Wallace; to Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Jenkins, a daughter, Ann; to Lt. and Mrs. Frank Janorschke, a son, Philip.

On May 8th, we had our big rush party of the year at the home of Amelia Meadow's parents in the east part of Richmond. It is out just far enough to make you feel as though you are in the country, and everyone had a wonderful time. There were bingo, shuffle board, bowling on the lawn, and quantities of attractive and delicious food to consume. It was a huge success and eighteen of our guests have since become active Psi Otes.

There was also another guest meeting during the summer at the home of Mary Carolyn Kinyon.

In the early fall, a dinner was held in the Tudor Room of the Leland Hotel at which our pledges were initiated into Alpha Iota Chapter.

For the past year our chapter has been quite active on the "Home Front." We have been helping to "back the attack" by helping with the war loan drives; and we have provided cookies, playing cards, and magazines for the service men at the USO lounge and on the trains going through Richmond.

Also many of the girls have been acting as hostesses at the lounge.

Everybody was kept busy before Christmas stuffing enough envelopes to provide Wayne County with Tuberculosis Seals, and the girls have also been rolling bandages at the Red Cross headquarters.

A number of the members of our chapter have been able to take advantage of the new course in Nurses' Aide at the city hospital, and others have completed courses in first aid and air raid warden training.

When the cruiser of the U. S. Navy was here last summer, we helped the recruiting officers hand out information and talk to any girls who were interested in the WAVES. And one of our members helps at the U. S. Army recruiting office.

Other projects to which we have contributed time and money have been the Community Chest, Day Nursery, Children's Welfare Home, the March of Dimes against infantile paralysis, the Earlham College dormitory fund, and also the Hoosier Salon of which Mary Borton, our president of last year, was made a patroness.

Mary Carolyn Kinyon was chairman of our very successful fall rummage sale at which we cleared $100.

The Christmas tea which is given every year for the old members of our Alpha Iota Chapter was held on Sunday afternoon, December 26th, at the home of Madeleine Nicholson. It is the one time of the year in which the old members meet the new and everyone always looks forward to this getting together. The tea table was attractively appointed with deep red roses, huckleberry, and mahonia holly; and lighted red tapers in silver candlesticks continued the holiday theme in color. Tea was served to seventy-five guests.

Our Christmas dance, which is an annual occasion, was held at the Leland Hotel on December 27th; and in spite of the man shortage, nearly two hundred couples attended. Patty Hanes was chairman and she and her committee put it over with huge success.

Alpha Iota has had a successful year and we are working hard in furthering our activities on the "Home Front."

BETA ZETA CHAPTER

Summitville, Indiana

President	Mrs. Paul Howard
Vice President	Mrs. Doyte Dyson
Secretary	Mrs. Lamont Forrest
Cor. Secy.	Mary Jane Howard
Treasurer	Mrs. Harold Vinson

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Dale Prough, a son, Richard Dale, April 3, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Maynel Martin, a son, Max Edwin, February 5, 1943.

Beta Zeta, now in her fourteenth year, wishes to give the highlights of the past year.

Being very war-minded this year, the members voted to meet only once a month; however, we have endeavored to keep up our regular charitible enterprises. Donations were made to the Red Cross, USO Canteen, Infantile Paralysis Foundation, Cancer Control, Health Seals and other local charity. Our annual scholarship award was presented to Donnis Swaim for the highest scholastic average for four years of high school work. Christmas baskets were distributed to elderly shut-ins. We remembered the boys from our community who are serving in the armed forces with Christmas greetings.

Our money-making projects also have been limited this year. Among these projects was an early fall rummage sale which was very sucessful.

We were very sorry to lose two of our active members. Helen Nottingham is a student nurse at the West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, Illinois. Vivalene Ingram has moved back to her former home while her husband is serving in the Navy. We were very happy to welcome back one of our former members, Artella Teter, who is an instructor in our high school.

We have limited our special parties this year to a Christmas party, anniversary party and a May breakfast.

We are happy to report that our members have been active in Red Cross and other war work.

Beta Zetas are planning a very busy year for 1944 and we hope that this year will bring to all of us a promise of peace and good will.

War Work — Due to the shortage of help in hospitals, two of our members are assisting two days a week at the St. Johns Hospital in Anderson. Rosalind Morgan is working in the record room and Alma Rose Vinson is assisting as a nurse.

We have several members who are doing knitting and making surgical dressings for the Red Cross.

Rosalind Morgan and Ann Miller have been in charge of the salvage drive and have been doing a very nice job.

All of the members have contributed generously to the various salvage drives and bond sales.

ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER

Thorntown, Indiana

President	Mrs. Carl Craig
Vice President	Martha Bassett
Secretary	Mrs. Hubert Jackley
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Stanley Barker
Treasurer	Mrs. H. S. Spencer

New Members: Mrs. Charles Bryant, Betty Youkey, Barbara Morrison, Dorothy Curts, Lael LaFollette.

Engagements: Dorothy Masters to Delmar Talmadge; Rosemary Davis to Willard Daggy, Jr.

Marriages: Elsa Boyer to Frank Eades; Rosemary Davis to Willard Daggy, Jr.; Mildred Grau to Carl Schou; Edna Owens to Larry Petigo.

Births: To Chaplain and Mrs. Herman F. Allen, a daughter, Jane Marshall, April 1, 1943; to Tech. Sgt. and Mrs. James French, a son, Philip, March 12, 1943.

War Activities: 1. Made surgical dressings; 2. Chapter members are blood donors; 3. Chapter sponsored a War Bond drive; 4. Members made and filled army kits; 5. Chapter bought a tuberculosis Health Bond; 6. Chapter donated to Red Cross.

Alpha Zeta has enjoyed another profitable and worthwhile year. We pledged five lovely girls, now working members, who have added life and strength to our organization. They helped make and fill army kits, helped make surgical dressings and walked and walked in a War Bond drive. We have regular blood donors — yes, they are hale and hearty — in fact they are most enthusiastic about this contribution. Several of our members have been doing knitting for the

Red Cross. Needy school children were given glasses — so now they can study and learn just as well as their classmates. The book committee has selected and purchased books through the Book of the Month Club for our local library. Our Symphony tickets have been a source of pleasure to our members and also to soldiers to whom they were given.

Martha Moore has again brought honor to our chapter by being a trustee of the Hoosier Salon Patrons' Association. Martha has been taking training in flying and is a CAP and Joanna Grau is still helping make bullets at Winkler's at Lebanon, Indiana.

Donations were made to the infantile paralysis fund, Victory Book campaign and $25 given to Red Cross and also the purchase of a Health Bond.

Last spring the Presbyterian Church was beautifully decorated with flowers in honor of our mothers at our annual mothers' party. July found us more informal but enjoying an old-fashioned out-of-doors picnic. The program for the November meeting was a musical radio broadcast given by the pledges. Christmas was celebrated with a coöperative dinner and an exchange of gifts around a lighted Christmas tree. After the party we went caroling — didn't realize we could sing so well! Yes, that is a gleam of pride you see in the Alpha Zetas' eyes — our children are performing. The occasion was Alpha Zeta's children's party. The children gave the program and the mothers beamed with pleasure.

To polish our intellectual and cultural bumps we had programs on books, county welfare, first aid in the home and a lovely evening of music on piano and cello by Marti Knaur of Indianapolis.

We of Alpha Zeta hope we have helped by our efforts in the past and hope to be able to do much more in the coming year.

BETA CHI CHAPTER

Waynetown, Indiana

President	Mabel Warren
Vice President	Vivian Murphy
Secretary	Mildred Landis
Cor. Secy.	Mary Servies
Treasurer	Helen Drake

New Members: Pauline Solomon, Mary Margaret Orrick, Bonnie Fay, Betty Fay, Mrs. Harold Humphreys, Mrs. Russell Holman.

Engagements: Bonnie Fay to Manson Simmons; Betty Fay to George Gravett, Jr.; Pauline Solomon to Richard Grenard.

Listen, my sisters, and you shall hear
The doings of Beta Chi throughout the year.
Inspection was held with a questionnaire
Finding each ready to answer her share.
Blood-giving and knitting make us feel great,
Knowing we have helped soldiers escape a dire fate.
Helping in Red Cross and war fund drives
Makes us feel we share in their lives.
Our delight is in smashing every tin can,
To have them ready for our salvage man.
We spend our money for stamps and bonds
Hoping for victory before the day is done.
Milk at the school and glasses for some
Giving the children a brighter outlook for days to come.
In buying cards for the sick
A penny drill has made quite a hit.
For pleasure and for fun
A picnic we held for families and friends.
With parties for pledges
Of which we had six,
Now members of our Psi Ote click.
With Symphony concerts and hospital work
We are kept busy and dare not shirk.
So more power to the girls of Beta Chi
And throughout the land to Psi Iota Xi.

ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER

Zionsville, Indiana

President	Mrs. John L. Shellburne
Vice President	Mrs. Murray Reynolds
Secretary	Mrs. Richard C. Harves
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. John T. Northam
Treasurer	Mrs. Gerald Higbee

New Members: Mrs. Charles S. Becker, Mrs. J. Warren Ditzenbarger, Cora E. Templin, Mrs. Lewis M. Mills.

Marriages: Janell Conrad to Richard C. Harves.

Births: Ronald William Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reynolds.

We had as our guests the senior girls and their sponsor at the book review given for all the women's club of Zionsville, followed by a tea at the home of one of our members. At our annual Mother's Day dinner we welcomed into our sorority two new patronesses: Mrs. E. D. Johns and Mrs. Mable Sparks. We dispensed with our June meeting and a large group attended convention in Indianapolis. In September we began our new Psi Ote year with an outdoor meeting and steak fry at the home of Maurine Knox. The highlight of the year was the guest party given at the home of a patroness, Mrs. Ernie Harvey, at which time Mr. John Hall, a Psi Ote husband, gave a very interesting talk about his experiences in China at the time war was declared. Our busiest evening was pledge service followed by the Christmas party and gift exchange. We also posed for a picture celebrating our 20th anniversary. We had a lovely initiation in January for our four new members: June Becker, Treva Ditzenberger, June Mills and Cora Templin.

Our charity projects are almost one hundred per cent toward the war effort. We have supported the local War Bond drives by purchasing War Bonds and two girls were district leaders. We made and equipped fifty Red Cross navy kit bags. At Christmas time we mailed playing cards, games, books and magazines to the Camp Atterbury day room we furnished last year. Psi Otes are well represented among the Red Cross knitters of Zionsville and several members bake cookies for the USO in Indianapolis. Our most interesting project was popping corn in the Service Men's Center in Indianapolis during the month of December. We furnished the pop corn and two girls operated the popping machine four evenings each week. We are considering repeating this project during the month of March. As usual we sponsored the Health Bond drive in this community, purchasing a $5.00 Health Bond for ourselves. A donation of $50.00 was given to the Zionsville Playground.

To bring in the proceeds for all these activities we held rummage sales both in the spring and fall, sold Christmas cards and gave our Thanksgiving dollar donations.

As you see, we are doing all we can, both as an organization and as individuals, to speed victory and bring about the safe return of all the husbands, sons, and brothers.

ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER, ZIONSVILLE, 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Alpha Lambda will be 20 years old this summer. Three of the 15 charter members are still active. They are Ruth Mills, fourth from the left in the fourth row; Grace Knox, seventh from the left in the third row; and Anna Smith, sixth from the left in the fourth row. There are now forty active members.

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SOUTHERN PROVINCE

BETA SIGMA CHAPTER

Austin, Indiana

President .... Edith Sever
Vice President .... Mrs. Don Eversole
Secretary .... Pauline Bass
Cor. Secy. .... Mrs. Leland Langdon
Treasurer .... Mrs. John Guynn

New Members: Helen Virginia James, Nina Lucille Thomas, Betty Lee Buzzard, Emogene Helmns, Marjorie Tudor, LaVern Herrod (affiliated from Alpha Pi, Scottsburg), Mrs. Max Morris, Mrs. Willard Nicholson, Mrs. Gilbert Warner.

Pledges: Mrs. Scott Hubbard.

Marriages: Thelma Morgan to Vernon Eugene Bonsett.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. John Guynn, a son, John Royce.

Dynamite comes in small packages!! Beta Sigma had only eighteen active members during the first part of the year but she has accomplished lots!!!

We have done our bit for the war effort. During the summer we furnished a sun porch for Camp Atterbury. The furniture included a day-bed which was given to us. We painted and sewed — and the bed looked like new! One of our members, Margaret Boyer, is vice chairman of the County Red Cross Camp and Hospital Service committee. At the present time we are helping furnish a day room for Freeman Field, Seymour. Our sorority Bonds now total approximately $400.00. We have given our husbands, sons, and brothers. Four of our girls are teachers and they have put in hours and hours on rationing days. About half of the girls are working at Morgan's Packing Plant which is packing food for the armed forces. We gave blood when the Red Cross blood bank unit visited the community.

We do not seem to have many poor people this year. Most of our charity money has been used for bonds, camp and hospital service. However, we keep a reserve, in case we should have some charity calls.

We have not forgotten other Psi Iota Xi aims.

"Studying the best literature" — Mrs. Jeanette Winkleman reviewed "Mrs. Parkington" for us at our October social. In February, Miss Middleton will review familiar poetry. "— and music" — six of the girls, Margaret Boyer, Louise Royce, Mabelle Scott, Ruth Nicholson, Lillian Schneck, Catherine Langdon, with a Psi Ote daughter, Marjorie Buzzard as pianist, have organized a choral club. With the help of the local ministers, they presented a lovely Christmas vesper service. This service was the first union service ever held in the community. At the present time, they are working on an Easter program. " — and developing myself socially, morally, and intellectually" — We have played bingo, bunco, and bridge, even hearts — we believe that variety is the "spice of life." We had a lovely initiation-Christmas gift exchange party at the home of Helen James. The initiation services followed our annual initiation dinner. Three Psi Ote daughters, Betty Buzzard, Nina Thomas, and Virginia James, with five other pledges were initiated.

Did you try to buy some pretty "hankies" at Christmas time? Imagine winning twenty-four lovely ones for a quarter! We sold chances on a handkerchief chest and cleared over $40.00. Our annual rummage sales were successful. We might have done better, but we couldn't give everything away! We have sponsored a picture show and a card party, had a food sale and are planning another soon.

Our year is not entirely gone — we still have big hopes for the future — and even though our chapter is still small, we are working hard so that Beta Sigma can "do her bit."

BETA LAMBDA CHAPTER

Bedford, Indiana

President .... Bess Smith
Vice President ...... Mrs. Stanley Crawford
Secretary .... Rosalie Simpson
Cor. Secy. .... Mrs. Dale Tomey
Treasurer .... Ruth Beem

New Members: Mrs. Cloyd Turner, Mrs. Russell Porter, Mrs. Gordon Lundy, Harriet Blackwell.

Marriages: Rebecca Harris to Pete Huddleston; Barbara Burrell to Lt. Charles Way.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Turner, a daughter, Suzan Jane; to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tindal, a son, Joseph Edwin; to Mr. and Mrs. William Emerson, a son, Ralph Eugene; to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Denny, a daughter, Marian Elizabeth; to

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1. Myrtle Jackson, Bloomfield.
2. Mrs. Aubrey Morgan, Vincennes.
3. Mary G. Dowd, North Vernon.
4. Mrs. Walter Surface, Seymour.
5. Louise Wellman, Petersburg.
6. Mrs. Hardin D. Mitchell, Jeffersonville.
7. Mrs. Reynolds Gossman, Brownstown.
8. Mrs. Ray A. Wucher, Columbus.
9. Martha A. Ward, Washington.

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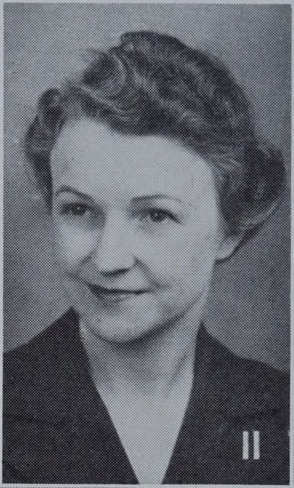

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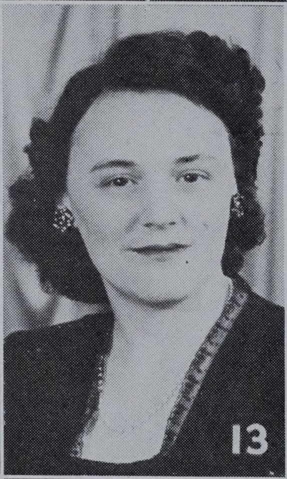

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Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Doyle Byers, a son, Joe David.

Shades of Scarlett O'Hara's waistline! Were ALL our grandmothers sylphs? Alma Moore, who arranged a joint Psi Ote-Tri Kappa fashion show and nearly went mad searching for models with astronomically small waistlines decided they were all miniatures. Nevertheless the affair was an outstanding success wherein (quoting the Bedford Times-Mail) "the choicest wardrobe treasures of the city were shown."

Early spring of 1943 found Beta Lambdas busy raffling a $100 Bond for which every ticket was sold. Alma Moore was chairman and a real slave-driver but she got results!

Our anniversary party in May brought us Elwynne Griffith as honor guest and we enjoyed her visit socially and received much helpful advice.

The 1943-44 season was opened with a picnic supper at Otis Park honoring Psi Ote daughters. Quite a sizeable group of them, we noted!

Since the war effort must come first we dispensed with some regular meetings and went as a group to the Red Cross rooms to make surgical dressings. Edna McKnight, chairman of Volunteer Special Services for the Lawrence County Red Cross (with so many hours she stopped counting after 300) chairman of the Women's Salvage committee, and a member of women's division of the War Savings Staff is our outstanding war worker. Wilma Blackwell, supervisor in surgical dressings, with 265 hours to her credit, Inez Porter, chairman of the Motor Corps and Alice Lundy, R. N., nurse for the blood bank who is now teaching the high school girls home nursing are others who do more than their part. The rest of us help as often as we can with the blood bank, rationing, war drives of all kinds, work at the Service Center, entertaining service men while juggling families, "the help problem" and carrying our own personal war problems.

To balance our program we have seen to it that our music and art appreciation programs together with a book review found their usual place.

Rummage sales have provided our chief source of revenue this year as our sample fair is a war casualty.

Our Christmas party this year was held in the home of Katherine Easton. It was a lovely and gala affair especially since we held initiation preceding the party for two fine new members, Tinza Turner and Inez Porter.

Briefly this tells a few highlights of Beta Lambda's past year. We are endeavoring to do our best for Psi Iota Xi and for our country.

BETA KAPPA CHAPTER

Bloomfield, Indiana

President	Mrs. J. Albert Jackson
Vice President	Mrs. Jack McIntyre
Secretary	Mrs. Herbert Richmond
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. George Jackson
Treasurer	Mrs. Harold Schueler

Pledges: Mrs. Raymond Summers; Mrs. Eskel Beasley, Patricia Fodrill, Ruth Ranard, Judith Ann Hull.

Marriages: Kathlene Hasler to Pfc. Glen Yoho.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Miller, a daughter, Marsha Ellen, June 2, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sanders, a daughter, Sandra Jane, March 28, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevenson, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Price, a daughter, Judith Anne, January 22, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Combs, a daughter, Nancy.

Foremost among the activities of Beta Kappa Chapter during the year 1943 has been our work in the war effort. In doing this, we have devoted much time to the ration board, Red Cross surgical dressing and the Red Cross blood bank with many of our members being donors. In addition this chapter has donated $50 to the War Relief Fund, sold War Stamps at each business meeting and solicited the entire residential district of Bloomfield for the War Relief Fund Drive. We have also purchased a $10 Health Bond.

We would like, at this time, to express our appreciation to Mrs. W. V. Moffett of this city who presented our chapter with a $25 War Bond.

It is with pride that we announce that two of our members are in the service of our country, namely, Ensign Ethel Willey, stationed at Long Beach, California, and Cadet Nurse Elizabeth Dugger who is in training at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Our finance-raising activities have been along the same line as in past years, being a rummage sale and a white elephant sale. However, instead of our annual chair raffle at Christmas time, we presented a War Bond.

With all of these activities, we have continued to have our monthly social functions, with very entertaining programs. It has been our pleasure to have had two book reviews: "Drums of Yle" by I. U. Nicholson and "Bright to the Wanderer" by Bruce Lancasters. Our summer social activities were highlighted by a wiener roast and a carnival, with

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10. Olive Logan Kiplinger, Rushville.
11. Mrs. R. E. Brandenburger, Shelbyville.
12. Mrs. C. T. Frakes, Sullivan.
13. Mrs. Homer Allbright, West Baden.
14. Mrs. Gilbert Platt, Greensburg.
15. Mrs. Lawrence Wirtz, Princeton.
16. Lucille Payne, Charlestown.
17. Bernice Houghland, Scottsburg.

the husbands of the members as guests. Our officers entertained us at the annual Christmas party with a dinner held at the Heddon Hotel.

At Christmas time, our chapter again treated the inmates of the Greene County Poor Asylum; this year we presented each inmate with a box of home made cookies.

In closing this report, it is the sincere wish of Beta Kappa Chapter, that in 1944, it will be able to devote more of its time toward the successful conclusion of this war.

ZETA CHAPTER

Bloomington, Indiana

President	Kathleen Evens
Vice President	Mary Dieterle
Secretary	Opal O'Harrow
Cor. Secy.	Lillian Trotter
Treasurer	Ruby Dillon

New Members: Jo Ann Booze, Carolyn Cline, Evelyn Dobson, Joyce McClintock, Kay Nolin, Betty Johnson, Betty Porter, Barbara Rogers, Nancy Seward, Jean Wright, Margie Wylie, Mrs. Ruth Sauvain, Mrs. Jean Schwartz, Mrs. Elizabeth Welke.

Pledges: Mrs. Jessie B. Coon, Mrs. James McCall.

Marriages: Patty Lou Wingert to Branfort Spencer, Nov. 25, 1943.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. David Coombs, twin daughters, Mary and Martha, Jan. 9, 1944; to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dunn, daughter, Dorothy Jane, Sept. 9, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dunn, son, Fred Seward, July 24, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Jessie B. Coon, son, Bryan Huntington, Sept. 29, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Darby, daughter, Jo Ann, Dec. 18, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Feldhause, son, Wm. Robt., June 2, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Leinenweber, son, Geo. II, April 17, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Mahan, son, Scott Palmer, June 15, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Scornia, daughter, Mary Margaret, Oct. 6, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Thompson, daughter, Terry Marie, July 6, 1943.

This year, though an extremely busy one for Zeta Chapter, is not without its satisfactions, in that we have carried through to date, our various plans and see no reason now to doubt achievement of their final and complete sucess. Our most ambitious charitable enterprise has been the gift of a thousand dollars to the Bloomington Hospital, the money to be used in the construction of that institution's new wing. We have also doubled our usual linen contribution to the hospital, have provided equipment costing $200 for the new city day nursery, and are giving a special $100 scholarship to a young woman who is just entering upon a course of training as an army nurse.

All these donations are in addition to our regular contributions, which include gifts to the local branch of USO, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Hoosier Salon Patrons' Association, the Red Cross, and the maintaining of 25 annual scholarships to the speech clinic conducted at Indiana University.

Our social program has been featured by what we believe to be an innovation in "emergency" entertaining. Last October, we preceded our business session with group supper meetings, the membership dividing itself (and entirely amicably, we might say) into six or seven small groups and congregating in as many homes for the meal, before uniting again in full strength for the more serious hour which followed. This scheme operated so smoothly, such a good time was had by all at a minimum of expense and with so little trouble to the hostesses, that we will have another meeting of the same sort in April, this spring party to be a luncheon affair, with arrangements already well under way.

Our Christmas party at Sue Gavit's was delightful — real winter outside (by special dispensation of the weather man) and indoors the warmth, comfort and color of the season's traditional festivities. Eleanor Long, in charge of the evening's program, presented two dramatic skits. The first was a brief travesty portraying a morning at the Thrift Shop, written by Eleanor herself and enacted by Psi Ote girls, who have had long experience with just such scenes as the skit satirized. The second offering on the bill was a playlet, "Happy Christmas to All," most excellently done by a cast consisting of Psi Ote sons and daughters.

Situated as we are, right down here on the university campus, where several thousand ASTP boys in khaki march back and forth daily before our eyes, we are perhaps more than ordinarily imbued with the war atmosphere. There are now 24 Psi Ote husbands in service with the nation's armed forces, and 11 Bloomington Psi Otes are the mothers of sons with the military. We have among our membership three women who are on the board of directors of the USO, one who is a director of the local Red Cross organization, one who directs public health nursing in Monroe County and teaches classes in home nursing at I. U. We have on our roster the Bloomington commissioner of Girl Scouts, and the leader of the senior service Girl Scout troop, which is engaged in war work. One of our members is an integral figure in the Women's Defense Council; and three are counsellors of the city's day nurseries project. We are represented by a member on the county Post-War Planning Committee. Two Psi Otes have taken the places of their husbands, absent in service, on the faculty and in the administrative offices at the university; and still another Psi Ote is pinch-hitting for her soldier husband by ably editing the Bloomington Telephone.

It would be impossible to summarize the amount of war work performed as routine by the members of Zeta Chapter. They spend innumerable hours at the USO canteen, at the Red Cross bandage-rolling tables; they knit and they assist with the tedious formalities of rationing prodecure. And they have always their own and separate household duties to attend to, a schedule accentuated and burdened by the exigencies of the period. If you don't think that such everyday jobs as cooking, laundering and cleaning belong in the category of war work, ask any Psi Ote — and she will tell you!

Of course, our Thrift Shop continues to be our particular pride and joy. It has recently been redecorated and renovated. The color scheme is now green and pale beige — and very effective, too! Carolyn Becovitz gave us some new models on which hats look positively ravishing. We have tables for the display of dress accessories; and the shoe department has been enlarged and improved, and is all the more popular with customers, since we do not require a ration stamp for purchases. Our French Room bids fair to rival Ayres' or Block's; and all our merchandise is of best quality. Zeta Psi Otes may grumble occasionally at the demands made upon their time and energy by the Thrift Shop, but actually it is dear to their hearts, a first love never to be neglected in the press of more recently incurred obligations and responsibilities.

BETA MU CHAPTER

Brownstown, Indiana

President .... Mrs. Reynolds Gossman
Vice President .... Mrs. Allan Nierman
Secretary .... Mrs. Roy Clark
Cor. Secy. .... Mrs. Thomas H. Branaman
Treasurer .... Mrs. Wharton Reynolds

New Members: Barbara Gray, Jacqueline C. Branaman, Joy Delight Stewart, Mrs. Joseph Robertson, Marjorie Stotz.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greger, a son, Charles Robert, July 30, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Horstman, a son, Allen Henry, August 1, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Gossman, a daughter, Shelia Mae, July 5, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Nierman, a son, Allan Jeffrey, May 1, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Zabel, a son, Frank Philip, December 7, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Butt, a son, James William, September 25, 1943.

Elbert Hubbard's "If you want work well done, select a busy man; the other kind has no time" seems to have been the slogan of Beta Mu Chapter this year. All of our members are busily engaged in some type of war work. Esther Ball, of whom we are especially proud, is in the WAC. Two other members are serving as monitors at the surgical dressing room. Our chapter had charge of a special war fund drive in November, and in addition to managing it, we donated $30. Our year's program gives two meetings for making surgical dressings at the Red Cross room.

Not exactly war work, but something of which we are very proud is the fact that we furnished a room in the Jackson County Hospital.

Still money-makers at heart, we raffled off a coffee table during our annual Home-coming. With the same purpose in mind, we also held rummage sales and square dances throughout the year. We gave the proceeds of one of our square dances, which amounted to $88.00, to the infantile paralysis fund.

"All work and no play makes Miss Psi Ote a dull girl," so, of course, we had our share of social events. Besides the regular social meetings, we had our annual picnic for husbands and friends. Then in November, we celebrated our tenth anniversary with a lovely dinner and had our patronesses as guests.

Well, that's all for now, but in the meantime rest assured that Beta Mu will be doing her all for freedom, finance and fun.

ALPHA THETA CHAPTER

Charlestown, Indiana

President .... Mrs. Harry Payne
Vice President .... Mrs. Forrest Coots
Secretary .... Mrs. Thomas Johnston
Cor. Secy. .... Mrs. David Bottorff
Treasurer .... Mrs. Kynar Taff

New Members: Mrs. Wayne Russell, Mrs. William Bibb, Mrs. Charles Easterday.

Marriages: Anna Lee Bruner to Wayne Russell; Dorothy Bryson to Charles Couch; Debby Hatfield to Charles Reagan; Helen Bolly to Kiefer Riner.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Melvyn Stricker, a daughter, Jacqueline Kay, August 13, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. William Bibb, a daughter, Betsy Clay, February 9, 1943.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

March — Alpha Theta donated and assisted in Red Cross drive.

April — Tubercular tests sponsored and needed X-rays financed for school children. A $100 War Bond was purchased.

May — A Mother's Day tea was held at the USO. Also a dinner was given for the senior girls.

June — Members conducted a stand at the town carnival, the most lucrative venture of the year. New glasses were provided for a school child.

July — Initiation was held for three new members, Marjorie Bibb, Anna Lee Russell, and Peggy Easterday.

August — Members helped sponsor and assisted at the blood bank.

September — Representative was sent to the Charlestown Community Council (organized to curb juvenile delinquency). A picnic was held for the patronesses.

October — War relief donation was earned by a stand at the town fair. Kathrine BeVier introduced to Charlestown organizations the Kentuckiana Camp and Hospital Council which furnishes recreational facilities for soldiers.

November — the biggest project was completed when a sun room was furnished at Station Hospital, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

December—Twentieth anniversary was celebrated by a dinner and the only charter member who had been active for twenty years, Miss Edith Hester, was presented with a silver tray. Christmas cards were sent to husbands and sons in the service and gifts were donated by each member for soldiers in army hospitals. A donation was given to the Tuberculosis Association.

EPSILON CHAPTER

Columbus, Indiana

President	Mrs. Ray A. Wucher
Vice President	Mrs. C. E. Schwaninger
Secretary	Mrs. C. W. Coons
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. J. M. Reynard
Treasurer	Mrs. Howard Frohman

New Members: Miss Grace Ewing (affiliate from Alpha Xi).

Mrs. Carlton Shuck,
President, Franklin

Pledges: Mrs. W. Frank Woodburn.

Marriages: Nancy Eckerly to Cpl. Thomas Gambon; Betty Simmen to Lt. (j.g.) James Kuykendall; Cornelia Pentzer to Robert Reeves; Jean Stambaugh to Capt. Marshall Prather.

Births: To Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hart, a son, Robert Bruce, Jr., on November 24, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Huffman, a son, George Stephen, on February 6, 1943; to Lt. (j.g.) and Mrs. Robert L. Stevenson, a son, Joseph Newton, on August 10, 1943.

Epsilon Chapter's social activities have been very few this year. Our annual Mother's Day party was held May 8, 1943, at the Irwin home. It was a musical tea with one hundred guests attending. On August 7th we entertained our husbands at a picnic and bridge party. On December 14th sixty of us had a grand time at a Christmas party and gift exchange, and on February 8th we had a Valentine bridge party.

You can see we've spent little time on the social side of Psi Ote but we have a different story to tell about our war activities. Under Cornelia Marr, our war activities chairman, groups of girls sew each week for Red Cross and Bundles. Some of us go to the Red Cross for surgical dressings, some to work at the ration board, and some meet for group knitting. Our Gray Ladies faithfully go to their work at Camp Atterbury, often driven there by our Motor Corp members. Lillian Schmitt spends each Sunday morning as hostess at the USO and others of us with Louise Overman and Dorothy Baker, as chairmen, serve the boys there. Our Cadettes do their part in entertaining at the USO too.

Elsie Sweeney is still very busy with her Bundles Shop. The outstanding feature of her Christmas Bazaar this year was "Selected Recipes with Culinary Herbs," compiled and published by Bundles for America in Columbus. You will probably be seeing these attractive cook books in the Indianapolis stores. The herbs to use in these recipes were also on sale, as well as other useful and attractive articles.

Lorene Powell was chairman of our Fourth War Loan drive and many of the girls gave hours of their time assisting her. Several Epsilon Psi Otes are working in Girl Scouting and other local movements.

Now for Clementine — you may know that Clementine Miller is OUR Red Cross worker overseas. After her training, Clementine was sent to Casa Blanca, followed the invasion forces to Sicily and is now at an evacuation hospital back of the front lines in Italy. Her letters make highlights at our business meetings. In a letter received in January, Clementine told of her leave spent at a resort famous in peacetime, now used as a rest center for Army personnel. Here she had her first hot tub bath in six months, felt luxurious eating off of a tablecloth, using napkins, and sleeping on a real mattress. She is working hard but her letters reveal her great interest, her deep sympathy and love for humanity. We are proud of Clementine and all the other American Red Cross girls.

ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER

Franklin, Indiana

President .... Carrie Shuck
Vice President .... Mary Hemphill
Secretary .... Muriel Carter
Cor. Secy. .... Reba Jane Core
Treasurer .... Dora Wolfe

New Members: Frances Ann Wason.

Marriages: Lorena LaGrange to Cpl. George Kephart.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. James Drake, a daughter, Linda Joyce, June 28, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Theo Wallace, a daughter, Nancy Annett, Dec. 15, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Miller, a daughter, Mary Katheryn.

Since time is war time and words are rationed,
We'll tell you our story in a poetic fashion.
To start with our president, as she can,
Is serving as Southern Province Chairman.
Although her name is Carrie Shuck,
She didn't get this honor just by luck.
A Gray Lady, she works and toils at Camp Atterbury,
Besides does her housework and is not one to tarry.
Our social events have been few and small,
But our ambitious girls have answered the call —
To an all-out war effort, as each one can
And we have three who serve as Gray Lady women.
Our money-making scheme has been our "Thrift Shop."
And we work as a team so it won't be a "flop."
We've toiled and we've played, and we've done our best,
So we might accomplish our aims and so to success.
Our girls are not the kind to shirk
And therefore have carried on Red Cross work.
Each one is helping to knit and sew
And we've done our bit for USO.
We've purchased War Bonds as we can,
To help bring home our fighting men.
There is a large Army hospital down at "Camp"
Where the sick and wounded spirits are damp.
At Christmas we bought and wrapped fifty gifts,
To give these boys' broken spirits a lift.
And so the time comes when all things must end
And here is a message our chapter wishes to send.
"That we hope by next year the world will be brighter
And that all of our work shall be a lot lighter."

SIGMA CHAPTER

Greensburg, Indiana

President .... Mrs. Gilbert Platt
Vice President .... Caroline Castor
Secretary .... Ruth French
Cor. Secy. .... Hilda Kuhn
Treasurer .... Sarah Woodfill

New Members: Mrs. Louis Henkle, Kathryn Moeller, Mrs. Robert Wunker.

Pledges: Mrs. Howard Hungerford, Emily Reed, Mrs. Andrew Stiles.

Engagements: Virginia Miller to Lt. James O. Carney.

Marriages: Dorothy Harrison to Albert Lee Webster.

Births: To Lt. and Mrs. W. R. Bokelman, a son, Robert Ulrey; to Mr. and Mrs. Brayton Deal, a daughter, Margaret Anna; to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Espy, a daughter, Bonnie Lou; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miner, a daughter, Mary Ann; to Mr. and Mrs. Emmert Oliger, a son, Daniel Sebring; to A/C and Mrs. Robert Wunker, a son, Robert Louis.

Our activities have been many and varied, even more so this year than usual.

Charity work other than our regular "milk for school children" project has been largely confined to work in connection with the local Red Cross chapter. The only unusual feature of our annual cedar chest drive was the substitution of a $25 War Bond for the cedar chest and a $5 War Stamp for the second award. It has been our custom to display the cedar chest in the window of one of the downtown stores and in order to retain a semblance of the familiar the War Bond was displayed in a miniature cedar chest.

Despite her duties as Grand Vice President, Ruth Hancock nevertheless found time to act as hostess for two pledge parties, one held last spring and the other in November.

Our art and literary meetings this year departed from the conventional ideas. Instead of a display of paintings or sculpture, the art program in charge of Martha Samuels pointed out the fact that there is art in all the objects of everyday life. Several members brought antiques about which each told an interesting story. The literary program sought to recall to mind familiar characters, authors, and quotations which was done by means of a quiz program.

The summer initiation party transported us all to Washington, where we met many interesting celebrities who "strangely" bore a marked resemblance to some of our own girls. Ruth Hancock made a perfect Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, and Margaret Shazer's portrayal of Carmen Miranda provided the high note of the evening.

At Christmas time we enjoyed a turkey dinner, after which Santa Claus (Bob Doles to you) came bounding in to distribute gifts, last of which was a huge pack of shower gifts for Dorothy Harrison.

Don't think we devoted too much time to social activities. Elsewhere you will find an account of our war activities and stories about our three girls in service, of whom we are very proud.

ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER

Jeffersonville, Indiana

President .... Mrs. Rardin Mitchell
Vice President .... Mabel Makowsky
Secretary .... Mrs. Lawrence D. Bower
Cor. Secy. .... Mrs. Robert J. Prentice
Treasurer .... Mrs. Allen Zimmer

New Members: Jane Allison, Katherine Bottorff, Mildred Childs, Nora Jean Constantine, Virginia Haywood, Mary Margaret Horan, Betty Holmes, Ruth Stoner, Leila Allen Voiers, Bonnie Werner.

Marriages: Cletys Higgins to Edward McVeety; Theresa Hale to Frank Peel; Frances Cory to Elmer Hoehn; Mary Alice Hydron to Marvin Akers.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Compton, a son, Wendell Cook; to Mr. and Mrs. E. Burckel, a son, Nickolas Clare; to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pfau, a son, Norman Pfau, Jr.; to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pfau, a son, Alfred, Jr.; to Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Dillman, a son, Charles Robert.

Alpha Epsilon, under the capable guidance of our president, Jane Mitchell, has concluded a quiet, but, we feel, a very worth while year.

Our finance committee again "came through" with excellent ideas for meeting our budget. We felt at the beginning of the year that there would be numerous worthy projects that we would be asked to contribute to financially, and our expectations were fully realized. In order to be able to make such contributions, several money-raising schemes were formulated, the most successful of which was a War Bond raffle. After selling tickets over a period of six weeks, a public drawing was held, at which the city mayor presided, and three $25.00 bonds were given to the winners.

We also sponsored a book review presented by Kathryn Turney Garten, and had a "tag" day and a very successful rummage sale.

Our biggest undertaking of the year was in subscribing $850 towards the furnishing of the newly enlarged and modernized Clark County Memorial Hospital, the amount pledged representing the cost of furnishing completely the new nursery room. The room is very attractive, and we are quite proud to have fulfilled our pledge towards such a worth while cause. At the outset, we were hesitant about making a pledge to raise such a large sum, but having once got under way, we no longer doubted our ability to succeed.

In "our" nursery hangs "The Light of the World," a painting purchased by us with money contributed to Alpha Epsilon by Mrs. John Conner, in memory of her daughter, Lydia Baker, who passed away last year.

We have contributed liberally in time and money to various war-time activities, including the USO, American Red Cross, Tuberculosis Association, and the Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

Socially, the past year has been unusually quiet and uneventful. Several of our girls are engaged in war activities away from home, and many have joined their husbands who are in the service. Nevertheless, we have held our regular monthly social meetings, though we have dispensed with many of the "trimmings."

We are now considering a revision of our rules concerning voting on candidates. We are also trying to improve our rushing system by appointing a standing rushing committee and have commenced entertaining a few prospective Psi Otes at each social meeting, and will continue to do so until spring.

BETA OMEGA CHAPTER

New Albany, Indiana

President .... Mrs. Clarence Benjamin
Vice President .... Mrs. Frank Buche
Secretary .... Myrtle Schmidt
Cor. Secy. .... Mrs. R. L. Kiser
Treasurer .... Mrs. David Koehler

New Members: Mary Lee Keith, Nancy Ann Montgomery, Mrs. Charles Nichols, Doris Sauer, Mrs. Verle Williams.

Marriages: Celine Harris to Grover Page, Jr.; Betty McCune to Robert Craig; Dorothy Pepple to Frank Johnson; Evelyn Shrader to Frank Buche.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McDaniel, a son, Michael Joseph, May 22, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. C. Melvin Tolson, a son, Paul Michael, Sept. 14, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. David Henry, a daughter, Susan Patricia, Oct. 8, 1943.

Hold your hats, gals, here we go again!

Because of stuff — you know, like being active in the Red Cross, where we have a head of Junior Red Cross, lots of staff assistants, Motor Corps members, Nurses' Aides, Executive Board, Director, Home Service, Camp and Hospital Council, lots who work in surgical dressings, besides being active in Parent-Teachers, president and secretary of State Medical Auxiliary, Interclub Council member, selling Stamps and working on drives — because of this stuff and more, we have just one meeting a month, but the executives work harder. We get together over cokes the week before and you'd be surprised how wonderfully smooth our business goes at regular meetings, giving us more time for our social monkey businesses, like box and covered dish suppers, quiz programs, masked Halloween party, pledging and Christmas party, initiation dinner and things.

We finally did it — after two years of proving to the school board by backing a speech supervisor, both morally and financially, we took a chance and withdrew our financial aid, but she's still here and through her we chose the two children we sent to the clinic at Bloomington.

Then, of course, we sent a student to Hoosier Boys' State, a girl to Scout Camp, gave our Symphony ticket to a soldier, supported our Community Fund and Cancer Control drive, sent fifty Christmas boxes to hospitalized soldiers, collected craft articles for Nichols General Hospital and gave Ft. Knox six hospital tables.

It's rather hard to find time to make money, but we had our rummage sales, tag day, Kathryn Turney Garten and sold paper products, matches, napkins and things. We're doing all right, too.

Gee, I'll just have to stop, 'cause there's a forest fire just over the hill from us and with the wind blowing sixty miles an hour — I would live on top a hill in the country!

ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER

North Vernon, Indiana

President	Mary G. Dowd
Vice President	Mrs. B. W. Thayer
Secretary	Mrs. Richard Andrew
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Lee Monroe
Treasurer	Dorothy Reichle

New Members: Patricia Gilmer, Betty M. Cull, Winifred Padgett, Mrs. Richard Andrew, Daisy Owings, Mrs. M. E. Tardy.

Pledges: Mrs. Glenn Clark, Pauline Shull, Margie Gaughan, Helen Ferguson.

Engagements: Mary G. Dowd to Orville R. Platter, Jr.; Winifred Padgett to Lawson Williams, Jr.; Margie Gaughan to Harold Stewart.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Downs, a daughter, Nell Ann, August 4, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller, a son, John Norman, October 8, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Weeks, a son, Michael Blease, August 6, 1943.

With Miss Mary G. Dowd, 20, one of the youngest presidents in the state, at its head, the Alpha Omega Chapter has completed a successful year.

Because the need for a service men's lounge in North Vernon was apparent, the girls adopted this as one of their projects. From donations of discarded furniture, imaginatively camouflaged with red enamel and blue and white bed ticking, a cheerful as well as attractive lounge was ready for the service men. Governor and Mrs. Henry Schricker inspected and approved the room on opening night.

As their contribution to a physically stronger state, the Alpha Omegas assisted in the Well-Babies Conference to insure the health of future citizens. The chapter bought a Health Bond and also plans to help with the Red Cross drive.

For our money-making projects we had a Bond raffle at the Jennings County Fair, had a food market, sold stationery and entertained at a telephone bridge.

The major social event of this chapter was a Christmas party, preceded by pledge service for four girls. White elephant gifts were exchanged and bridge completed the event.

ALPHA TAU CHAPTER

Petersburg, Indiana

President	Mrs. Jake Wellman
Vice President	Mrs. Randall Fleming
Secretary	Mrs. Vic Colvin
Cor. Secy.	Helen Ornbaun Black
Treasurer	Mrs. Robert Siple

New Members: Elsaleah Miller, Miriam Johnson, Anna Mae Evans, Kathryn Martin, Mrs. Chester Martin, Mrs. Clarence Hall.

Marriages: Edna Martin to Hugh S. Currey on July 22, 1943; Patricia Ann Manhart to 2nd Lt. Donnell R. Culley on June 13, 1943.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hall, a daughter, Gloria Marie, born June 26, 1943.

Hats off to Louise, our president, who
steered us through forty-three!
No matter what projects we undertook,
they were managed perfectly.
Like our boys and girls in the service, we
worked hard to win our stripes.
Spent twenty-seven hundred hours on
bandages, hunted stories of all types
For the "Knap-sack Books" we made and
sent to the fellows away in camps,
Along with sixteen-thousand "smokes"
and "hundreds" invested in stamps.

To the USO, Red Cross and War Chest
we made generous contributions,
And helped in paralysis and t. b. drives
(they're annual resolutions).
Our raffles, bingos, and rummage sales
really put us "in the money."
We hope our tickets to Symphony made
a couple of lives more sunny.
We continued our clinic for "mothers-to-be"
and helped the "kids" we could,
Sent card tables and chairs for the boys
at George Field (it's in our neighborhood),
Now besides all the charity work we did,
we managed to work in some fun,
With six social meetings that varied in
style in order to suit everyone.
At two we bingoed, at three we bridged,
with some interesting programs
For until you hear this chorus of ours
"you ain't heard nothin' yet."
At the covered dish picnic for pledges
there was many a tasty treat.
The initiates dinner was a formal affair
(you can see our girls like to eat).
But whether we met for work or for fun,
like all Psi Otes everywhere,
We put our hearts in it, tried ever so
hard, we wanted to do our share.

ALPHA SIGMA CHAPTER

Princeton, Indiana

President	Mrs. Lawrence Wirtz
Vice President	Mrs. Arom E. Hurt
Secretary	Mrs. Lester Mahan
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Howard S. Williams, Jr.
Treasurer	Mrs. Melvin C. Taylor

New Members: Sadie Ann Hamblen, Patricia Ann Johnston, Mrs. Charles Cooper, Evelyn William Watson, Mrs. August Wolfe, Mrs. John W. Scott.

Pledges: Mrs. Douglas Ballard.

Marriages: Jean James to Ensign H. W. Maier, Jr.; Dorothy Pepple to Lt. F. C. Johnson; Norma Benham to Lt. John Carlisle; Mary Ann Wheeler to Pvt. George Wright, Jr.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cochran, a boy, Joseph Christian Cochran, March 11, 1943; to Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Gilbert, Jr., a boy, George Andrew Gilbert, October 19, 1943.

Alpha Sigma initiated twice this year which gave us good reason for having some "bang-up" parties. Each time the country club was beautifully and seasonally decorated — spring, Halloween and Christmas. Our socials have been infrequent but we have enjoyed them twice as much and the attendance has been greater. Because many forms of entertainment have disappeared with the war, our sorority has become more essential and we have experienced a stronger spirit of good fellowship this year.

In spite of difficulties of making money we have kept up all our local charities — $50 to Gibson General Hospital, purchase of a Health Bond, contributions to Salvation Army, Community Chest, Milk Fund, Boy Scouts, County Canteen, Red Cross and Infantile Paralysis Fund.

We have made money by selling magazine subscriptions and chances on $18.75, and by sponsoring a movie.

At Christmas time we collected money, toys and clothing and made Christmas a little brighter for the five children at the County Orphanage. Through the "Adopt a Yank" organization several girls received names of service men and sent Christmas boxes to them. The grateful letters they received made the effort worth while.

We sent one thousand packages of cigarettes to the Southwest Pacific area. Each package had "Psi Iota Xi, Princeton, Indiana," printed on it instead of the excise sticker.

We sincerely hope and pray that in the next news letter to the Helicon we can tell how Alpha Sigma celebrated Victory.

IOTA CHAPTER

Rushville, Indiana

President	Mrs. Jean R. Kiplinger
Vice President	Mrs. Richard Dishinger
Secretary	Mrs. Dorothy Foster
Cor. Secy.	Olive Marie Miller
Treasurer	Mrs. Dwight VanOsdol

New Members: Thelma Gilbert, Alice Drum (Miss Drum is a daughter of Mrs. Jay Drum, formerly Miss Frances Frazee, a charter member of the local chapter), Gloria Douglass, Frances Sexton, Mrs. L. K. McElderry, Mrs. Lamoine Perkins, Mrs. Grant Thurston.

Marriages: Lois Jean Morris to Harry Wayne Piper, Marian Kendall to Louis Hiner, Jr.; Mary Frances Strait to Dr. Henry F. Watson.

Births: To Private and Mrs. John Miller, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Densford, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tompkins, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Oster, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. J. Everett Light, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Amos, a son; to Lt. and Mrs. K. E. Wedeking, a daughter.

In January the girls served meals to the personnel of the blood bank and everyone was urged to donate blood toward this worthy cause. It was voted also to continue selling War Bonds and Stamps, one night a week, at our local theatre.

In February donations consisted of $50.00 to the Red Cross War Fund and $5.00 to the Milk Fund. Of course, foremost in our minds, after war, were plans for convention. It was reported that progress was being made in our dental project and twelve dozen tooth brushes and samples of soda were given away in the schools. It was announced that the

Good Teeth Council would present another show for the school children in April. The chapter won $5.00 for selling the most Stamps and Bonds, at the theatre, during the month of January, and a $100.00 War Bond was purchased.

In March our donations fell short but we made up in active work. Nettie Kirklin is volunteer chairman of special services and Hannah Morris is vice-chairman. Olive Kiplinger is chairman of the blood bank.

In April and May $10.00 was voted to the Cancer Control and a similar sum to the City Nurse's Fund. Everybody was urged to give to the salvage drive and donate blood to the blood bank.

In June — CONVENTION. $50.00 was given to the Boys' Club drive and the local chapter furnished a sun porch at Freeman Field. Plans were made to send a girl to the speech and hearing clinic's summer school at Bloomington.

July no meeting. However, girls were still active. Ada Knight, Beatrice Carter and Gladys Osborne are supervisors in the surgical dressing rooms and all members do their part toward helping in this project.

In August the girls subscribed to a magazine project and received a percentage for their efforts.

In September a $100.00 War Bond was purchased and everybody was striving toward a definite end to the war.

November activities were slack but the girls were still on the job. Dorothy Foster is executive secretary of Red Cross. Mildred Ruhlman is chairman of first aid. Dorothy Kiplinger is secretary-treasurer of War Fund drive. Every girl in the chapter deserves credit for doing her share in the war effort and other charitable work.

In December a $10.00 Health Bond was purchased and $10.00 was given to help fill the Atterbury Christmas boxes. The new War Bond drive was discussed and $50.00 was voted to the USO-Community drive.

In 1944 we are striving toward V-I-C-T-O-R-Y.

[Note: With due apologies to Mother Goose.]

R is for Ruth our Marine Corps recruit
U is for USO-Community drive
S is for Speech and Hearing Clinic's
debut
H is for Health Bond — $10.00 we gave
V is for Victory, so proudly we hail
I is for infants, long may they live
L is for Leah, our Grand Editor
L is for letters of which there were
many
E is for endless hours for charity we
spend.
I is for Iota, small but she ranks
O is for Olive, head of blood bank
T is for teeth our project with thanks
A is for Atterbury — Christmas boxes
and tanks.

C is for Convention of which we were
hostess
H is for Hoosier Salon and Associates
A is for America of which we are proud
P is for purchase — of War Bonds we
mean
T is for Thrift Shop — toil and refund
E is for everything we hope we have
done
R is for Red Cross her praises well sung.

ALPHA PI CHAPTER

Scottsburg, Indiana

President	Mrs. George E. Hougland
Vice President	Mrs. Leon Bailey
Secretary	Mrs. Samuel Wells
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. Lee L. Gladstein
Treasurer	Mrs. Charles Blum

New Members: Joan Tash, Jean Sweet, Wanda Brock, Velsie Krieger, Marjorie Ann Johnson, Virginia French, Mrs. Robert Krieger, Mrs. Harold Nicholas, Mrs. Roy DeWitt, Mrs. Bourke Blocher, Mrs. Vaughn Shoemaker, Mrs. Noble Lyons (affiliated from Bloomington).

Marriages: Kathryn Disney to Harold Nicholas; Elsie Mae Krieger to F 3/c Robert Sutton; Eloise McCoskey to Cpl. Roy DeWitt.

Land O'Sakes, girls, how'd we know it was time for that Helicon letter, when Alpha Pi members had been rushing around on war activities, house-to-house canvassing for help during the canning season. Some of the girls even helped can corn, so if you buy any Scott County corn and it isn't O. K., just know the girls from Alpha Pi were doing their best.

The Bond drives have gone over with a boom in Scott County. Our chapter purchased a $100 Bond.

By that time we'd almost overlooked our socials, but we had pledged six girls and just had to take time off and give them the works — according to our by-laws — so we had a six o'clock buffet supper at the home of Martha Jane Judd with everything looking like a picture, from homemade corsages to ice cream done up in lace doilies. The patronesses were invited, so after the supper we told them they would have to go, as we had to give those pledges the initiation.

Then came two dances for the soldiers, (at which Virginia French put in a full evening) with most of them going to the "Chicken House" afterward where they said, "the girls would limber up more."

We contributed to Infantile Paralysis, Health Bond, Girl Scouts $15.00, band uniforms for high school $20.00, sofa to Camp Freeman $35.00, Symphony ticket $11.00, Hoosier Art Salon $10.00, and mailed one hundred Christmas cards to Scott County boys in service.

Christmas we needed a little moral lift, so a lovely party was given at the home of Floral Gladstein, the girls on the committee going to lots of trouble, and most of us having the flu the night of the party. Christmas carols were played while Harriett McClain showed a moving picture.

Money-making projects were rummage sales, picture shows, food sales by the members, a paper project and we are now planning a telephone bridge.

Defense Report: We made a drive for members to assist at the canning factory in the preservation of food. We sponsored two dances for soldiers. Ten of our members made donations to the blood bank. Members canvassed the town during the third and fourth war loan drives. More than 100 Christmas cards were sent to our boys in service. A sofa was given to Freeman Field to help furnish a Scott County day room. Earlier in the year we had given a three-piece maple set for a sun porch at Camp Atterbury. Our defense chairman sells Stamps at each business meeting. Total sales of Stamps and Bonds to date are $757.65. Effective January, 1944, we voted $2.00 monthly donation to the "Keep 'Em Readin'" Club, a publication sent to our boys in service.

Mae McCullough is chairman of Red Cross room. Business meetings have been held in the Red Cross room and bandages rolled during the meetings.

ALPHA BETA CHAPTER

Seymour, Indiana

President	Mrs. Walter L. Surface
Vice President	Mrs. Donald Otto
Secretary	Mrs. Elsie Hancock
Cor. Secy.	Ellen Hardesty
Treasurer	Mrs. Earl C. Parker

New Members: Mrs. Stuart Blish, Mrs. Jerry K. Hall, Marilyn G. Burkley, Doris E. Droege, Corrine Test, Rachael Myers (affiliated from Sullivan).

Pledges: Mrs. Harry B. Fox.

Marriages: Madelyn Elizabeth Findley to Capt. James Stivender Holbrook; Barbara Jean Voss to Lt. (j.g.) Donald J. Robertson.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kerr Hall, a son, Jerry Daniel; to Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Fox, a daughter, Barbara Ann.

Along with the moving world and changing times, there is one thing in Seymour that doesn't change — the Psi Ote spirit! How well we proved that with our first project and biggest undertaking of the year. It started when the soldier boys at our Army air field came to us — desperate. They needed not only furniture and decorations for their newly built Non-Commissioned Officers' Club, but advice and above all a "woman's touch." So we stepped in — sewing machines hummed busily for a week making draperies, our contact and furniture committee worked untiringly getting just the right piece of furniture for the right spot. The efficient finance committee ended our week of activity with Tag Day. The results of this, along with gains from our raffled War Bond and generous contributions from the merchants, enabled us to decorate the NCO Club with beautiful new upholstered furniture, axminster rugs, new radio and Victrola combination, smoking stands, lamps and our draperies. For their girl friends, we "whipped up" a frilly powder room with ruffled dressing table stools, fancy curtains and streamlined mirrors. In order that the boys remember us we gave them a year's subscription to some of the well known magazines which are displayed in the homey and comfortable library furnished with over-stuffed maple furniture. The boys, in appreciation for our help, staged a party for us, complete with dancing, refreshments and floor show.

The energetic NCO Club committee was composed of Mrs. Ruth Nessler, general chairman; Mrs. Ralph Thompson, sewing chairman; Mrs. Gerry Shibe, finance chairman; Mrs. Margaret Hall, contact and furniture chairman; Mrs. Emmy Lou Bollinger, publicity.

Our chapter donated $100 to the Seymour Recreation Center which included the Boys' and Girls' Club. We gave $75 to the War Fund drive and purchased a Health Bond. Our money was raised this year by a rummage sale and dress raffle.

Coöperating with Schneck Memorial Hospital is our "year 'round project." Open house is to be held very soon. We are the proud donors of the furnishings of the nursery, delivery room, one double room and two single rooms and have been asked to assist in the hospitalities of open house.

Our nearby air field keeps us busy, especially our Gray Ladies. Every day some of them are on duty, writing letters, holding the soldier's hand, shopping and always willing to do anything that will make their life happier. Our Gray Ladies include: Lo Hoadley, Pat Blish, Elsie Hancock, Katherine Laupus, and Dorothy B. Ringler.

BETA PHI CHAPTER

Shelbyville, Indiana

President .... Mrs. Russell Brandenburger
Vice President .... Mrs. Harry Pence
Secretary .... Mrs. Louis Kuhn
Cor. Secy. .... Mrs. Thorl Griffith
Treasurer .... Mrs. Harold Barger

New Members: Mary Talbert Bush, Mrs. Leo Kinman, Mrs. John Trueb.

Marriages: Helen Stader to Louis Kuhn, December 31, 1943.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mount, twin boys, Mark and Michael, November 6, 1943. Mrs. Mount was formerly Norma Headlee and was the first president of Beta Phi Chapter.

Beta Phi started the 1943-44 year by bringing new people and new ideas to the chapter. On June 16 the new officers entertained with a buffet supper at the president's home. At this time we heard the convention report and held pledge service for Mary Bush, Dorothy Trueb and Mary Kinman.

The summer vacation was enjoyed again this year, but all were glad to get together for a picnic August 17 at Pittsford.

Our regular first and third Tuesday night meetings began in September. The officers conducted the impressive candle-light initiation service for the three pledges on September 15. This was followed by a dinner and dance at the Elks Country Club. New members were presented crested bracelets and corsages.

November was a busy month for Psi Otes in Shelbyville. Kathryn Turney Garten reviewed "Mother Russia" on November 1. A farewell party was held November 11 for Mary Towns who left November 16 for the WAVES after her husband was inducted into the Army. Mary was made an honorary member for the time she is in service. The girls gave her an engraved identification bracelet.

We devoted the majority of the November social meeting to a quiz and discussion of the new constitution and our local by-laws.

The annual Christmas dinner party and revealing of heart friends was held December 22. Norman Anderson, a high school student, presented Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

Our sixth anniversary was observed with a lovely dinner party on January 18. Charter members and officers were seated at the table centered with the large birthday cake. The sorority colors were carried out in all appointments. A beautiful wedding gift was presented to our secretary, Helen Stader Kuhn, who was married New Year's Eve.

Two social meetings we are all looking forward to are the literary meeting in February and the musicale and guest party in March.

The money for our charity projects was earned by the Kathryn Turney Garten book review and card party with Bond raffle to be held in April. Individuals do various things to make up their individual pledges.

Charity donations this year include the following: New Youth Center $25, War Fund $25, two Symphony tickets to be used by service men, Infantile Paralysis Fund $5, Health Bond $5, Hoosier Salon $10, Ruby Kinman Award $25, Salvation Army $10, soldiers' Christmas gifts $25, Symphony maintenance fund $2, and Red Cross $25.

BETA BETA CHAPTER

Sullivan, Indiana

President .... Mrs. Mildred Frakes
Vice President ...... Mrs. Pauline Stephens
Secretary .... Elsie Edwards
Cor. Secy. .... Maxine Keenan
Treasurer .... Mrs. Thelma Shepherd

New Members: Renatta Cunningham, Peggy Haskett, Lois Hendricks, Patsy Campbell Kelley, Sarah Routt Martin, Rachel Myers, Jenny McGuire, Beverly McCammon, Margaret Patton, Shirley Rosenberger, Kathleen Sims, Darlene Knotts Williams.

Pledges: Beatrice Jones, Ollie Sliger.

Marriages: Sarah Routt to William Martin; Patsy Campbell to Harmon Kelley; Darlene Knotts to William Williams.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Caroll Frakes, a daughter, Carol Jean Frakes; to Cadet and Mrs. John Earl Jones, a son, John Marion Jones.

LOG OF BETA BETA PILOT

May 3 — Visibility excellent. While passing over Sullivan, I see unusual confusion! Hawtin and Lippeatt collecting for Bond raffle. $61 profit!!

May 8 — Convention at Barnes Hotel! No! No! Rushees Jones, Kelley, Cunningham, Hendricks, Knotts, McCammon, Myers, Rosenberger and Routt attending May breakfast and greeted by Dugger, a hostess.

May 17 — Whoops! What radio news is this? "Donated by Betas $5 to Boy Scouts."

June 1 — Time passes quickly! Fifteenth anniversary banquet being held with Thayer, M. Smith and Phillips planning the celebration.

July 1-31 — Betas donating time to OPA filing for rationing office.

August 20 — Tally ho! Jolly picnic with Yaw and Stephens waiting for Betas to arrive! Pledges and initiates arriving with glorified faces.

Sept. 7 — Circling low to see Ross planning Beta's business session tonight.

Sept. 20 — Forced near ground. Dudley, Frakes, McCammon and Sims setting bingo tables for social event.

Oct. 4 — Blinded by unusual glare of lights — 'tis a business session with Tennis reporting sales of stationery and camp cards.

Oct. 18 — Flying low I see pumpkin faces grinning for bridge social and Keenan and R. Keenan placing score pads.

Nov. 15 — Almost turkey time and all is well. Bulletin board posted by Stanbaugh reads: "Red Cross War Fund drive donation $30; National War Fund drive $20; pledge service — Sliger.

Nov. 20 — Better weather! Wray and Scott carrying rummage sale profit of $61.43!

Dec. 17 — Engine trouble! Circling low for landing! Davis Hotel crowded with alumnæ chapter entertaining active chapter with Christmas party. Actives donated $5 for Health Bond!

Jan. 17 — New Year! Radio from Beta Beta station brings a $64.00 question! Stratton and Kerlin hitting gong; C. Kerlin, announcer, and Ford, scorekeeper!

Feb. 5 — Special bulletin from Sullivan — laundry of O. B. kits $35 for past year!

Feb. 21 — Uncompleted flight — social with Smith, Shepherd, Martin and Jones.

March 21 — Anticipated flight with McCoy and Phillips. Usual 50-cent raffle to be held for steady increase to charity fund.

April 19 — Last flight of year will cover anniversary dinner planned by Templeton.

April 20 — Gas rationing book will be gone — forced landing will be necessary!

WAR EFFORTS

Our sorority of today,
Slightly melancholy and sad
With our men all away,
Makes us irritable and even mad.

All of us with a different disposition,
Try to find a job to do
That will accustom us to this condition,
While we have no one to woo.

We entered into the drive for Bonds
And for this job we worked and connived,
Knowing this is better than parties on the lawn;
We sold fifteen-thousand-eight-hundred-eighty-twenty-five!

We give plasma and roll bandages too;
We work all day and plan all night,
To help those — you know who!
We know they are defending the right.

We'll do this until our men come home,
We're determined to do right and keep the will,
And from the straight and narrow, never to roam,
For in our hearts, their place, no one else can fill.

We praise them in the name of all that is good,
Our gallant defenders of right,
And as of old, we will do as women should,
To help them with all our might.

We'll help defend the land where no evil has trod
While our soldiers are away,
And keep it sacred unto God;
For this to be done, we pray!

We know we'll never fail
And as a sorority we'll always try.
The results of our efforts we are happy to mail
To the Editor of the Helicon of Psi Iota Xi!

ALPHA OMICRON CHAPTER

Vincennes, Indiana

President	Mrs. Aubrey Morgan
Vice President	Mrs. L. J. Wyatt
Secretary	Mrs. Charles Bridges
Cor. Secy.	Mrs. C. C. Gentry
Treasurer	Gertrude Gelb

New Members: June, 1943 — Gertrude Ann Funk, Margaret Karchefsky, Margaret Mantle, Norma Mantle, Dorothy Jane Opell, Barbara Pielmeier, Mary Kay Shick, Carolyn Walk, Susan Winkler; February, 1944 — Mrs. Charles Argenta, Mrs. V. V. Cash, Mildred Kensler, Mrs. William Morgan, Mrs. Joseph Riley, Mrs. Ralph VanEaton.

Marriages: Mary Duesterberg to Lt. John Barr; Rose Jean Finical to Pfc. Emmett Gemme; Doris Byers to Lt. Robert Fawcett; Betty McCormick to Lt. Walter Michael; Madeline Tharp to Capt. Edward Frankum; Mary Van Frigge to Maj. Charles Teschner; Peggy Kirkham to Corp. Joseph Patrick; Mary Loel Organ to Staff Sgt. Gene L. Darnold.

Births: To Capt. and Mrs. Robert Day, a son; to Lt. (j.g.) and Mrs. John Adams, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Prullage, a daughter; to Rev. and Mrs. Ray H. Montgomery, Jr., a daughter; to Lt. and Mrs.

Gail Lewis, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Shake, a son.

"Information, please," says Leah Flint, and though we do not claim to be able to "stump the experts" on some of their programs, we challenge their ability to answer these questions as Alpha Omicron is able to do.

Question — In what ways has this chapter worked for the betterment of health conditions?

Answer — A committee investigated children with speech defects and with the guidance of Claire McCarthy, took a personal interest in the local kindergarten-age boy who was sent to the speech and hearing clinic last summer.

Psi Otes collected $80.00 at the local theatres for the Infantile Paralysis March of Dimes fund.

Local merchants purchased Health Bonds from Psi Ote solicitors.

Maternity packs, provided through the coöperation of the local Red Cross and Alpha Omicron Chapter, are in continuous use by local doctors whose patients remain at home.

The chapter continues to provide tonsillectomies for underprivileged children.

Donations were made to the Red Cross and Knox County Tuberculosis drives.

Question — To what other funds were donations made?

Answer — The Veterans of Foreign Wars for the Knox County Service Honor Roll, the USO War Fund, and the YMCA received donations.

Question — Can these girls cook?

Answer — Just ask the service men and women from George Field, who came into the USO during the week Psi Otes had charge. Fifty workers operated the canteen, provided cookies, birthday cakes, and served a Sunday night supper.

Question—What was the latest money-making scheme?

Answer — This was a rummage sale, our first in many years, where the sorority netted $80.00 in less than two hours. At present another is being planned. How about a fur jacket for $1.50?

Question — By the way, where is that picture, "Deserted," won at Convention?

Answer — It graces the living room of President Margaret Jane Morgan's home. Always it is to hang in the home of a Psi Ote.

Question — Does this organization believe in all work and no play?

Answer — By no means! The social functions include a picnic at the Country Club, the dessert bridge Christmas party at the home of Kathryn Emison, and the chapter birthday dinner and formal initiation at the Fortnightly Club in February.

Question — What was the greatest thrill of the year?

Answer — Parents of the boy sent to the speech and hearing clinic were so delighted with their son's improvement and were so grateful for the suggestions given to them that they presented the chapter a check for $20.00 from their limited income.

WAR WORK REPORT

Eight members of Alpha Omicron have made significant and interesting personal contributions to the war effort.

Kathryn Donie, mother of four sons in service, is chairman of the George Field Camp and Hospital Council. At Christmas time this board secured gifts for every enlisted man and woman at the field. Alpha Omicron supplied 15 gifts for members in the WAC. The Council works with military and civilian personnel to contribute to the welfare and comfort of the men and women in uniform.

Mary Louise Eluere is engaged in Red Cross Volunteer Service in the South Pacific area. At present, she is somewhere in Australia. She is interested in dramatics, which fits her for the service of planning and directing theatrical productions and parties for our boys stationed "down under." Australian girls take the feminine roles. Mary Louise attended Saint Mary's of the Woods where she took an active part in speech and dramatics. She is very talented, so we know she is having a wonderful time. She writes that she was really thrilled to receive the Christmas package from Alpha Omicron containing the best sellers, "Chicken Every Sunday" and "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn."

Elise Stevens, daughter of Leona Oliphant Stevens, deceased, sponsored one of the LST boats launched at Evansville. Ellen Ross Emison, daughter of Tuley Emison, past grand president, was maid of honor. Both girls are students at DePauw, where they are members of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Mildred Lawson is chairman of the blood donors for Knox County. The mobile unit drives as far as Elnora and our donors must be transported to that center. Mildred attends to the publicity, registers donors and provides motor corps transportation for the forty to fifty persons who volunteer for this contribution.

Tuley Emison and Mildred Lawson are members of the Red Cross motor corps. Most of their calls are for routine taxi service. Their greatest service was during the May, 1943, flood. The girls worked night and day to answer emergency calls for food and supplies for soldiers and civilians who worked along the Wabash to save thousands of homes and lives.

Georgia Watson continued to serve as

chairman of Red Cross surgical dressings until January 1.

Julia Gregg is now acting as chairman of WAC recruiting in this district.

The chapter has taken an active part in selling War Bonds in the county drives. We are proud of the number of members who work in surgical dressing and sewing and knitting projects for the Red Cross.

PERSONAL GOSSIP

Barbara Pielmeier, Carolyn Walk and Susan Winkler are students at Stephens College.

Patty Patterson, who received her degree at Peabody last spring, is a member of the faculty at Stephens.

Susan Winkler was chosen as a model for a photographer for Harper's Bazaar. Her picture appeared in the January issue on a page devoted to students at Stephens.

Jean Steffen, who is in her second year at Washington School of Nursing in St. Louis, has enlisted in the Cadet Nurse Corps.

Billie Cash Montgomery is living in Connersville where her husband is pastor of the Christian Church.

Margaret and Norma Mantle are residing at the Spink-Arms with their mother. Rev. Lance Mantle, their father, is a chaplain in the Army of the United States.

Thelma Phillips, whose husband is principal of Lincoln Senior High School, is doing her part to relieve the teacher shortage. She has accepted a position in the social studies department of the school.

Mary Van Frigge Teschner, whose husband is a major in the air corps stationed in England, is residing in Washington, D. C., with her mother. Both have been active members of Alpha Omicron Chapter. Major Teschner has seen extensive service in the South Pacific.

Emma Riddle spent the month of February in Phoenix, Arizona, visiting her mother and sisters.

Kathryn Funk has two sons in the service. Jimmie, who was pilot of his own plane when he was only 13, is a lieutenant in the air corps in the Indo China-Burma area. He was wounded when his plane made a forced landing in Japanese territory and was reported "missing in action." Three weeks later he and four other members of his crew returned to their squadron. They had acquired bicycles and beards. Jimmie has been awarded the Purple Heart and the Air Medal.

Another son, Lt. Vance Funk, recently completed his medical schooling and has entered the service. He is stationed in Kansas.

A son-in-law, Ensign Curtis V. Kimmell, is in South America where he is in command of a crash boat which assists in rescue work. Dorothy, his wife, has been in New Orleans and Miami with Curt, but has returned to her home in Vincennes.

Stella Schultheis's son was killed in the South Pacific area. Stella and her daughters, Rosemary, Helen Ann, and Suzanne are all members of Alpha Omicron.

The son of Mabel McCormick and brother of Betty McCormick, was married in Cairo, Egypt, to a nurse he had met during the Atlantic crossing.

The new son of Mary Alice and Gib Shake is the first grandson of Judge and Mrs. Curtis Shake, of the Spink-Arms in Indianapolis. Judge Shake is a member of the Indiana Supreme Court.

Marion Patterson, art supervisor in the Vincennes schools, again had a water color accepted for hanging in the Hoosier Art Salon.

Lenore Gentry is attending Indiana University. She is a junior studying to be a laboratory technician. June Buyer is also at Indiana. Both girls have lovely voices and enjoy music as a hobby.

Iris Snyder is an Alpha Chi Omega at Butler. She is studying to be a kindergarten teacher. This is her second year.

Dorothy Jane Opell is in school in Terre Haute.

Our chapter birthday party in February was one of the most enjoyable parties we have ever had. We were seated at twelve tables, representing the months of the year. Each member sat at the table of the month of her birth, so it was like a little birthday party for every person. After the dinner and initiation, there was a stunt from each table relative to the month represented. It made a varied, peppy, and interesting program. The party was held in the Fortnightly Club house.

We always have a garden party in June for the new officers and initiates. We then are ready for convention and organization for the coming year. We do not meet during the summer.

ALPHA PSI CHAPTER

Washington, Indiana

President	Mrs. J. Watis Ward
Vice President	Mrs. Allen Reiners
Secretary	Mrs. Harold Hanson
Cor. Secy	Mrs. Ted Johnson
Treasurer	Mrs. Robert V. Colbert

New Members: Billye Allen, Mrs. Ray Buchenberger, Mrs. Herbert L. Burnett, Patty Calendar, Helen Cates, Ural Edwards, Betty Harris, Susan Johnson, Rita

Kramer, Virginia McMullen, Mrs. Robert Parker, Shirley Shallenberg, Esther Wildridge, Mrs. Karl Yarbrough, Mrs. Albert Dayton, Nancy Nagle (see news letter).

Engagements: Mary Farris to Staff Sgt. Stephen C. Lyras.

Marriages: Marjorie Riester to Lt. John Sinnott; Margaret Hawthorne to Lt. L. G. Fagen; Helena McCann to Staff Sgt. Albert Dayton.

Births: To Lt. (j.g.) and Mrs. Harry Chickedantz, a son, Roger; to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kramer, a son, James Joseph; to Lt. and Mrs. May Myers, a daughter, Madeline.

Gross Income, Statement of Payment to Others, Social Security, Schedule of Capital Assets, Federal Income or Helicon report — which is the lesser of evils? Well, it's more fun and at least not nearly so painful to do Helicon report.

The year 1944 has been uneventful for Alpha Psi. Service in wartime measures has been the keynote. Agreed a year ago to give up the regular social events and we have spent the scheduled meetings in the Red Cross work room, making bandages. Stacks of these squares have been made and all of the time spent there has gained another purpose because of the visits with one another; tongues have been no more idle than fingers.

Coöperating with the other sororities, War Bond booths have been manned during every drive. During Christmas holiday the combined groups made and sold War Stamp corsages.

Our charity project was a continuance of the past three years. Ray Boyd, the child with the hearing handicap, this year, through the national organization, was sent to Indiana University's speech and hearing clinic. The upkeep on his hearing aid and any additional needs have been supplied by the chapter. Money-raising was confined to the tried and most successful methods — rummage and food sales.

Last fall, no supplies at hand in the Red Cross workroom, we felt free to dissipate in an impromptu party with the additional incentive of our own Millie's presence (if you please, Lt. Mildred B. Sebring!). Millie gave us a forceful and badly needed lecture, patriotic and enthusiastic. She showed us pictures of her WAC coworkers and entertained us with humorous happenings. At Christmas time another party, with Santa and his accessories was an event in these partyless days.

Psi Otes are helping with time, services and money in the launching of the Teen Canteen. This is a civic project for boys and girls of high school age.

Donations as usual were made to the Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Salvation Army, USO, Tuberculosis Society and Hoosier Salon Patron's Association. Indianapolis Symphony tickets were also purchased.

An apology: Apologies and then orchids to Mrs. John Connor and daughter, Nancy Nagle. Orchids to Mary for having been the first to give us a second generation Psi Ote, and apologies to both for neglecting to turn Nancy's name in as a new member for 1943.

ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER

West Baden Springs, Indiana

President .... Mrs. Homer Allbright
Vice President .... Mrs. Newell Ballard
Secretary .... Mrs. Donald Freeman
Cor. Secy. .... Mrs. James W. Fouche
Treasurer .... Harriett Brown

New Members: Margie Summers, Geneva Mahan, Jewell Toliver.

Pledges: Patricia Ann Moore, Helen Flick.

Alpha Upsilon is happy to announce that a member of its chapter, Mrs. Greta P. Snyder, has joined the WAVES. She is now stationed in California.

Several members of the sorority gave their blood for the Red Cross blood bank. We have also purchased several War Bonds during the bond drives. The chapter has contributed to several local charity projects, and has made the usual contribution to the Hoosier Salon and purchased Indianapolis Symphony tickets.

The Psi Otes sponsored a general stand again this year during the American Legion celebrations in July and were happy to learn they had cleared $200.00.

The chapter was organized into three groups to earn money for the local charity projects. The first group held a "Tag" day. The money was used for the Milk Fund in the local school.

The second group sponsored a rummage sale. Part of the money was again used for the Book Fund.

The third group is to have a raffle sale in the near future.

Alpha Upsilon has aided all organizations in connection with the welfare of the United States.

Mark and Michael Mount, twin sons of Norma and Floyd Mount, born November 6, 1943. Norma is a charter member of our chapter in Shelbyville.

ACTIVE PSI OTES

NORTHERN PROVINCE

Kappa, Kokomo	64
Rho, Angola	37
Pi, Fort Wayne	71
Phi, Huntington	29
Chi, Brookston	38
Alpha Delta, Decatur	54
Alpha Eta, Bluffton	51
Alpha Mu, Hartford City	41
Alpha Nu, Markle	29
Alpha Xi, Logansport	55
Alpha Rho, Garrett	39
Beta Alpha, Flora	27
Beta Gamma, Peru	32
Beta Delta, Van Wert, Ohio	19
Beta Epsilon, Mentone	12
Delta Gamma, Fort Wayne	30
Beta Nu, East Chicago	72
Beta Xi, Crown Point	40
Beta Rho, Goshen	58
Beta Psi, Delphi	50
Delta Zeta, Lafayette	15
Gamma Beta, Remington	29
Delta Eta, Detroit, Mich.	14

CENTRAL PROVINCE

Alpha, Muncie	64
Delta, Indianapolis	22
Theta, New Castle	56
Upsilon, Greenfield	64
Omega, Lebanon	51
Alpha Zeta, Thorntown	50
Alpha Iota, Richmond	35
Alpha Lambda, Zionsville	37
Alpha Phi, Fortville	26
Alpha Chi, Hagerstown	30
Delta Beta, Indianapolis	30
Beta Zeta, Summitville	19
Beta Eta, Centerville	25
Beta Theta, Eaton	22
Beta Iota, Farmland	28
Beta Pi, Cambridge City	36
Beta Tau, Frankfort	40
Beta Upsilon, Mt. Vernon, Ohio	22
Delta Epsilon, Muncie	14
Beta Chi, Waynetown	20
Gamma Alpha, Portland	43
Gamma Delta, Attica	49

SOUTHERN PROVINCE

Epsilon, Columbus	62
Zeta, Bloomington	75
Iota, Rushville	31
Sigma, Greensburg	46
Alpha Beta, Seymour	56
Alpha Epsilon, Jeffersonville	45
Alpha Theta, Charlestown	29
Alpha Kappa, Franklin	39
Alpha Omicron, Vincennes	66
Alpha Pi, Scottsburg	44
Alpha Sigma, Princeton	55
Alpha Tau, Petersburg	47
Alpha Upsilon, West Baden	30
Alpha Psi, Washington	28
Alpha Omega, North Vernon	27
Beta Beta, Sullivan	32
Beta Kappa, Bloomfield	22
Beta Lambda, Bedford	31
Beta Mu, Brownstown	25
Beta Omega, New Albany	52
Beta Sigma, Austin	30
Beta Phi, Shelbyville	26

TOTAL 2,587

IN MEMORIAM

> "So softly death succeeded life in her,
> She did but dream of heaven, and she was there." — Dryden.

BARBARA HUNT BRUCE

LOIS HENDRICKS

Barbara Hunt Bruce was born in Jackson, Michigan, on December 4, 1921, and passed away on March 18, 1943, at the New Castle Clinic following a week's illness. She graduated from New Castle High School in 1940 and attended Cottey Junior College for Women at Nevada, Missouri, where she graduated in 1942. At the time of her death she was employed as a secretary at the Perfect Circle plant in New Castle.

Barbara was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Bruce of New Castle. She is also survived by a brother, Malcolm Bruce, who is in the armed forces. Barbara attended the First Church of Christ Scientist in this city. She was initiated into Theta Chapter in June, 1940. Her mother, Katherine Hunt Bruce, is a charter member of the chapter.

Barbara was brilliant and outstanding and one of the most beloved young members of the sorority. Her passing is mourned by all sister Psi Otes.

Lois Hendricks still lives in the hearts of all Psi Iota Xi members of the Beta Beta Chapter. She was born June 1, 1925, and was killed in an automobile accident September 23, 1943. She was initiated into Beta Beta May, 1943, after graduating from Sullivan High School the same month. Lois was a spirited and energetic girl. Her kindness and simple trust and faith in life made her a friend to all.

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To Elsie Sweeney we extend our sincere sympathy in her loss of two loved ones — her uncle, Mr. Will Irwin, and a very few weeks later her mother. Both Mrs. Sweeney and Mr. Irwin had lived rich useful lives of service and their passing is a distinct loss, not only to their family, but to the state as well.

MARY EDYTHE BROKAW

May we dedicate these few words as a small tribute to the memory of our sister Psi Ote, Mary Edythe Brokaw, deceased May 22, 1943; for, all the words in the world would not express the grief experienced by each member at the time of her death nor would they tell how deeply her absence is felt. She has held several offices in the Garret chapter and was always an active member. Her memory will live with Psi Ote forever.

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Beta Psi of Delphi deeply regrets the death of a former patroness, Miss Lillian Blythe, who passed away on August 3, 1943.

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Beta Nu of East Chicago was saddened by the death in an airplane crash of Lt. Ed Shurman, husband of Mary Jane Shurman, one of her members.

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We wish to express our sympathy to Betty Kemmer of Huntington, corresponding secretary of Phi, in the death of her father who was killed in a train and automobile collision.

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Scottsburg feels deeply the loss of two of her inactive members who passed away this year: Mary Elizabeth Calglazier Barnett (Mrs. Barney) and Keith Rueff (Mrs. Clarence).

JUNE KILTY PEGAN

The greatest attributes of Psi Iota Xi lie in friendship, loyalty and the joy of working in the service of others. June Kilty Pegan, of Huntington, had all of these virtues in abundance, plus the greatest of all — love. May the love that we all gave to her and the love which she returned to us be a warm beautiful memory down through the years.

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Sympathy is extended to Cadet Nurse Elizabeth Dugger of the Bloomfield chapter in the loss of her husband, Captain Doyle Dugger, who lost his life during a bombing mission over Europe on January 13, 1943.

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Delta Chapter deeply regrets the passing of Mrs. N. B. Tichenor. Esther was a very active member and many lovely parties were enjoyed at her home. She was initiated in Delta in February, 1940, and subsequently held the offices of conductress and corresponding secretary. Her death, following a short illness, was unexpected and her husband, a lieutenant in the Navy, was on duty in the Pacific at the time. She is also survived by a son, Charles, 18, who is a well known junior tennis champion.

We feel a great loss in the death of this popular, warm-hearted sister Psi Ote.

ACROSS THE EDITOR'S DESK

The editor has permission from Everett C. Watkins, well-known Washington correspondent for the Indianapolis Star, to quote from his column of Monday, February 14, 1944, concerning one of our girls. He says, "At 11 years of age, Kokomo's Evalyn Tyner played the piano every Saturday night in the picture show at Galveston, Indiana, a few miles north of Kokomo, and proudly earned $1.50. Her kid brother was the movie machine operator in this theatre with a show one night a week.

"That was just about her first 'professional' appearance. But by the time she had reached the eighth grade in public school she was ballooned into musical prominence when the Kokomo Lions Club hired her to play at its luncheon every Wednesday noon.

"Today she is the pianist extraordinary and a band leader personality—a swoon-music celebrity of Washington and New York.

"Currently she is leading her own swoon band at Washington's exclusive Club Jalna. But it's her solo numbers on the piano that cause the diners to stand up when they cheer and to forget they have paid $3 for a thin steak as big as your hand.

"She is the only woman who has ever been a band leader at the Waldorf-Astoria and as a soloist established a time record by being billed for 18 months in the Rainbow room, Radio City.

"Before she and her mother, the late Mrs. Lillian Copeland Tyner, moved from Kokomo to Washington, Evalyn Tyner had won the state piano contest held at Indianapolis under auspices of the Indiana Federation of Music Clubs. At Kokomo she belonged to the Psi Iota Xi Sorority.

"Her aunt is Mrs. Josephine Copeland, widow of the late Harry G. Copeland, well remembered as an Indianapolis newspaperman.

"In private life the pianist is the wife of Fordyce Minnick; they have a 5-year-old son, Wendell, who is beginning to urge his mother to give him piano lessons. The Minnicks live across the Potomac river from Washington at No. 2 Washington Circle, Alexandria, Virginia.

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"Each day the Washington Times-Herald carries an article concerning an interesting personality — some days an admiral or a general, other days Donald Nelson, Paul V. McNutt or other civilian leaders. And now Evalyn Tyner has been made the subject in a Times-Herald column on the well-known."

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We are so very sorry that a few chapter presidents do not have their pictures in the Helicon but in each case circumstances beyond their control, caused by the present emergency, are the reasons for such omission.

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You are going to miss some very interesting reading if you do not take time out to study the chapter letters. You will find them to be full of variety, alive with good ideas and interesting bits of news and indicative of much latent talent in our ranks. The editor stayed up with them until the wee sma' hours, not just because it was necessary for her to do so but because she found herself eagerly waiting for the heart interest sure to be found in each new report.

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Don't miss the interesting quotations from Mid Wucher's chatty report of war activities in Columbus. It gives a perfect picture of a typical week spent by the girls of that chapter and will be an inspiration to all of the rest of us who find twenty-four hours to be too few hours for a day.

Mary Louise Eluere, Red Cross Volunteer Service. Formerly of Vincennes — now somewhere in Australia.

WAR CONFERENCE OF 1943

Our war conference of 1943 opened at the Severin Hotel in Indianapolis on June 14th with Iota of Rushville acting as the hostess chapter. Registration was held in the lobby of the hotel between 2:00 and 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon and at 6:30, dinner was served to 225 guests on the cool, airy Severin Roof. The speakers' table was banked with a floral decoration in red, white and blue and was lighted with white tapers in silver candle sticks. Place cards, match folders and small bouquets on the individual tables, as well as the corsages worn by Council members, carried out the same color harmony. Seated at the speakers' table were all members of Grand Council and Olive Kiplinger, the incoming president of Iota Chapter; Lucille Frazee, toastmistress; and Bea Carter and Leah Flint, members of the convention committee. All of the music for the dinner was furnished by Psi Ote members from Rushville.

The opening business session, presided over by our grand president, followed dinner. On Wednesday morning the second business session was held in the Rainbow Room, election of grand officers being one of the important features of this meeting. A memorial service was conducted by Jean Sellars and Mary Jane Barnett of Rushville.

At 1:00 o'clock luncheon was served in the Roof Garden with a capacity crowd again. This was the final get-together of our streamlined meeting and goodbyes began to be heard with the Rushville girls feeling very sorry to have to bid farewell to their guests.

Highlights of the convention were the winning of the Achievement Cup by Pi of Fort Wayne, with New Castle receiving honorable mention; the gaining of the Symphony Cup by Kokomo; the granting of a gift of furniture to Camp Atterbury; and the appropriation of $4,000 to be used for two summer speech and hearing clinics.

The committee in charge consisted of Leah Flint, Bea Carter, Lucille Frazee, Jeanette Kirklin, Lois Young, Mabel Christian, Helene Pierson, and Florence Carmack.

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OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, October 2, 1943, was a day of pleasant contacts for members of the official family, when they met at the Lincoln Hotel for the first Council session of the year. Those who had been serving together previously were happy to be together again and to talk over experiences since they had met last in June; new members, Marie Sebastian, Clara Stanley, Carrie Shuck and Leah Flint were greeted and made welcome; and Ben Gordon, new husband of our treasurer, was introduced at luncheon. He proved to be a thoroughly delightful person whom we were proud to admit to full membership in the clan of Psi Ote husbands.

The morning session moved along rapidly under the skillful guidance of Isabelle, who outlined plans for the coming year. Each officer gave a report of the activities of her department, after which we adjourned for luncheon. A short business meeting followed in the afternoon.

We were proud of the complimentary letters read by Ruth Harker, received from Mrs. Smith of the Hoosier Salon, Mr. Harrington of the Indianapolis Symphony and Mr. Wells, manager of the Severin Hotel. We were also pleased with the election of Margaret Retherford to the office of secretary of the Hoosier Salon Patron's Association.

Plans were made to meet again in January, after which we adjourned.

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JANUARY MEETING

The second Council meeting for 1943-44 was held at the Lincoln Hotel in Indianapolis on Saturday, January 29, 1944, attended by all members and Dorothy Morton, representing the charity committee. Visitors were Mrs. Leonidas Smith of the Hoosier Salon, our own Elsie Sweeney of Columbus, Sue Fosler, our official stationer and Maude Siebert, president of Delta Beta.

Convention plans were submitted by Margaret Retherford on behalf of the members of Delta and Delta Beta chapters, who will act as hostesses for our convention to be held June 13 and 14, 1944, at the Severin Hotel in Indianapolis. It was voted to have this a streamlined conference similar to last year's. Mrs. Robert Stith, a very capable member of Delta Chapter, who is well known to many of you, has consented to be convention chairman and we know that the meeting will be conducted smoothly and will be most enjoyable under her able leadership.

Following the afternoon business session, Council members attended the Hoosier Salon showing, viewing with particular pride and interest our own three lovely paintings. Our president and Ruth Harker, Dorothy Morton, Elwynne Griffith, Thelma Phillips and Leah Flint, enjoyed the Saturday night symphony concert.

1944 CONVENTION PLANS

Delta and Delta Beta Chapters will be hostesses for the Psi Iota Xi convention at the Severin Hotel in Indianapolis June 13th and 14th, 1944.

It is necessary and important for groups such as ours to get together at least once a year to discuss matters confronting us. However, for the duration, it has been necessary for us to change our mode of entertaining, and so we are asking that you be very patient with us as well as with the personnel of the hotel.

Registration will be in the lobby of the hotel from two o'clock until five on Tuesday, June 13th, with dinner at six o'clock, which should give ample time to get settled in your room and dress for this occasion. Dinner will be followed by a business meeting. On Wednesday morning at 9:30, we will again take up our necessary business — this meeting to be followed by a luncheon in the hotel. Please plan to be prompt at all meetings and meals in order to avoid any unnecessary confusion.

Grand Council has selected the Severin Hotel again this year because of the fine accomodations there for a convention, and we feel sure that if it is exceedingly hot, there is no other place in the city that can provide us with as many cool breezes as the Severin Roof.

The committee working on convention plans is composed of Helen Stith, general chairman; Dorothy Ellen Kirk, co-chairman; Betty Kiser, Sue Fosler, Mildred Brandes, Edith Shafer, Catherine Carr, Maude Siebert, Rena Mae Powell, Lola Rudolph and Margaret Gray.

If you have any questions or suggestions, won't you please get in touch with Mrs. Robert M. Stith, 3755 Washington Boulevard, Indianapolis.

We hope you will plan to come to Indianapolis in June.

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The chairman of the nominating committee this year is Mrs. J. H. Hall of the Zionsville chapter. Other committee members will be announced later.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

We hope that each Psi Ote read Daniel M. Kidney's column "Our Hoosiers" in the Indianapolis Times for February 16, 1944. The entire column was devoted to Miss Marie Adams, containing a most interesting letter from her in which she set forth her conclusions as to what must be done by us in formulating the peacetime pattern.

MRS. ROBERT STITH
Convention Chairman

NOMINATING RULES

The following rules are to be complied with, previous to and at convention:

1. Names for prospective grand officers, to be voted on at the annual June convention, must be sent to the representative on the nominating committee in the particular province from which the name is sent.
2. Before presenting the name of a prospective candidate, it is necessary to have the consent of that person.
3. The candidate must be present at convention, and it is most imperative that she be in convention hall when the slate is read.
4. Names of the candidates for the various offices must be presented to the nominating committee by letter not later than June 1.
5. The slate made up by the nominating committee must be posted when the convention opens with a six o'clock dinner on Tuesday, June 13. As always, delegates will have the privilege of presenting nominations from the floor just preceding the election.
6. Further data: The offices of grand president and grand secretary MUST be filled by members of the present grand council; the grand president automatically becomes grand advisor; the three province chairmen, the extension chairman, and the symphony chairman are appointed by the grand president; the other offices on grand council may be filled by either present council members or new ones.

ACHIEVEMENT TROPHY RULES

The achievement trophy will be awarded at the June convention to the Psi Iota Xi chapter having made the greatest progress during the past year.

Judgment of this progress shall be based upon the following four items:

1. Charity.
   (a) Amount spent per capita of active members during the year on local charity, regardless of when the money was earned.
   (b) Type of charity done, preference being given to that considered most constructive.
2. Program.
   Programs, both public and private, which chapter has sponsored.
3. Attendance.
   Average attendance based upon actual attendance of active members between October 1, 1942, and May 15, 1943.
4. Standing of chapter in own community.

This trophy shall be given to the president of the winning chapter and shall remain in her possession during the coming year.

The name of each honored chapter and the date held shall be engraved on the trophy.

In the event that the same chapter receives the award for three consecutive years, it shall become the permanent possession of that chapter.

OUR OFFICIAL JEWELERS

To all Psi Otes: Jewelry tax is now 20%! In sending orders to our official jewelers please bear this in mind.

Our official jewelers, Meyer and Alexander of Marion, Indiana, have served us faithfully for almost a quarter of a century. During these years we have learned to look to them for 48-hour shipment of our requirements, but now things are different.

War-time conditions have affected their production; many of their faithful jewelers have been lost, materials have been very difficult to obtain and war-time restrictions have hampered speed and efficiency. As a result they are not now in a position to give the same prompt service to which we have become accustomed in the past.

Please show them consideration by anticipating your chapter's requirements and by placing your orders early in order to allow the firm four to six weeks delivery time for the average order. On requests for jeweled pins even more time will be required.

If it is at all possible, please include full remittance with your orders as this will eliminate much of the additional bookkeeping necessary to charge and C.O.D. shipments. It will enable them to handle our orders more speedily. We are certain that when this war is over and conditions return to normal, Meyer and Alexander again will be in a position to give us 48-hour shipping service.

The management of the Severin Hotel in which our convention will be held again this year sends greetings to all members of Psi Iota Xi — and welcomes those who attended last year's meeting and who will attend again this year, as greatly valued friends.

Every effort will be made to insure the comfort and pleasure of each guest and to send her away with a happy memory of the time spent at the Severin. Understanding, patience, and forbearance may be necessary on the part of each visitor as the labor shortage greatly handicaps the hotel in its desire to give ideal service but nothing will be left undone that is possible of accomplishment.

Again — the Severin welcomes all of you!

CAMP ATTERBURY

This issue of The Helicon is not complete without a report of our year's work at Camp Atterbury, particularly in view of the many hours of planning, scheming, traveling and investigating which were spent by Dottie Morton and her committee. They used the money appropriated at convention in June of 1943 for good sturdy furniture from which the soldiers have derived much comfort and pleasure. Each room so furnished is to be designated by a plaque stating that the furnishings are the gift of Psi Iota Xi.

The photograph which we had hoped to obtain from the officials at Camp Atterbury, showing the interior of one of the rooms, failed to materialize, however, so you will just have to use your own imagination in visualizing the rooms or else pay a visit to the camp in order to see our gift for yourself. If you do the latter, we know that you will experience a great sense of gratification that we were able to add to the comforts of the boys so materially and you will feel that Dottie and her girls did a very good piece of work on the task assigned to their care.

EMBARRASSING MOMENTS

We forgot to tell you that one chapter president could not have her picture taken because she had the mumps. We sympathize with her suffering but think that she should have had the picture taken anyway and we could have marked it, "Guess who."

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A REMINDER

Do not forget that two very famous musicians are honorary members of Psi Iota Xi. They are Mildred Dilling, internationally renowned harpist who is a Hoosier by birth and Rose Bampton, beautiful and charming concert singer and Metropolitan Opero Company star.

Both of these great artists have appeared on the Murat stage in Indianapolis within the past two years.

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Our versatile Elsie Sweeney of Columbus has been "up and at 'em" again and this time the result is a perfectly charming little cook book entitled "Selected Recipes with Culinary Herbs." Elsie seems to have whipped this up in her spare moments (what spare moments does she have?) last summer and fall. The recipes have been collected from famous personages in many instances and are arranged according to the countries of which they are characteristic.

The book would make a most acceptable gift or prize and would be a welcome possession for anyone with discriminating taste in cookery. If you can't find it at your favorite book store it may be ordered from Miss Sweeney, Bundles for America Shop in Columbus, Indiana.

Warning — chain it to something if you acquire one of these books. The catering manager of a large hotel took one look at the editor's copy and promptly appropriated it.

The editor's deepest appreciation goes to each member of the staff of the Rushville Republican. Their sincere interest in our publication and their hearty cooperation with all of our efforts are to be remembered in these busy days when time is too short for the usual pleasantries of life. Particular gratitude is the seemingly meager reward for Mr. Kendall and Mr. Coons who cheerfully worked far into the night without time-and-a-half for overtime, who anticipated and solved difficulties almost before they arose, and who were always ready with help and encouragement.

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Perhaps, at one time or another, someone has remarked rather superciliously to you, "Don't you know there's a war?" Well, we are all quite forcibly and quite sadly aware that there is a war and that it has caused a severe shortage in many lines. Paper is one of the commodities in question so we have had to make every effort this year to conserve it.

Chapter reports and statistics are not arranged exactly as we should like to have them arranged; photographs and pictures are not as large as we desired; some material has been shortened and more material could have been included in order to make a more complete and interesting book.

Our effort has been to include as much as possible and to put it into the smallest amount of space possible, thereby using a minimum of supplies in which there is a shortage. We are happy and proud to be citizens of a country in which such a book can be published without interference and hope that by the time next year's Helicon goes to press no paper or labor shortage will be existent.

THE END

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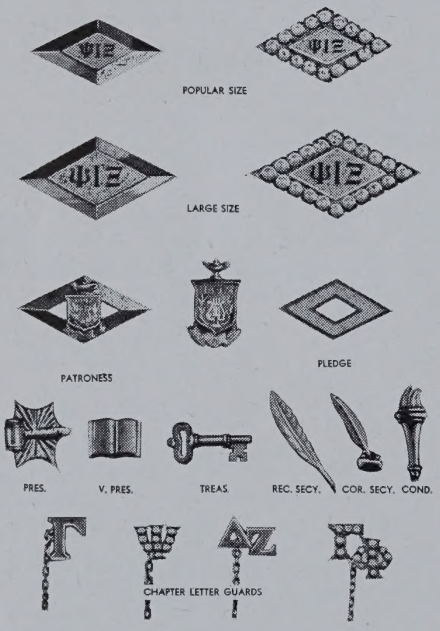

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